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VALE OF GLAMORGAN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Wednesday August 13, 2014 • FONMON CASTLE

Your comprehensive 11-page guide to this year's show begins on Page 23

ONE of the great days in the south Wales calendar, the Vale of Glamorgan Show, is being held at Fonmon on Wednesday, August 13.

Competitors and spectators travel not only from the Vale and Cardiff, but from all over Wales, the west country and Herefordshire.

New and interesting exhibits are promised this year, along with items demonstrating where our food comes from. (See inside this week's GEM)

There will also be a 'Land of the Giants' theme to the horticultural section, with giant vegetables on show.

There's the show ring, entertainment for the children and hundreds of stalls. Don't miss out on one of the Vale's great days!

Local writers get creative in festival competition

RIGHT: Vivienne Charlton (centre), the co-ordinator of the Cowbridge Book Festival creative writing competition, with (left to right) prizewinners Peter Sain Ley Berry, Candida Niman, Christine Burns, and Dr Zain Sami (See full story on page 3).

COMMEMORATING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN WAR...

Sunday Service was a time for reflection in Holy Cross Church

AN ecumenical service to commemorate the men and women who served their country in the Great War of 1914 to 1918, was held at Holy Cross Church Cowbridge, last Sunday, August 3, on the eve of the centenary of the conflict.

The deeply meaningful and well-balanced service was prepared and led by the Rev Norman Williams, chaplain of the Royal British Legion, Cowbridge branch, in the absence of the Rev Canon Derek Belcher, who is understood to have broken his foot.

The commemoration included standard bearers from the Royal Naval Association, Bridgend WRENS, ATC 293 Squadron Cowbridge and those of the RBL Barry and Cowbridge.

A bugler from Caldicot played the Last Post and Reveille. The service was attended by over 220 people of all age groups, and it was great to see so many young people support the event.

One of the congregation remarked: "The sermon, based on the reminiscences of the late Harry Patch, Great Britain's last soldier to experience the war, left an unforgettable memory of the horrors of trench warfare.

"Young men spending years of their lives in a trench, with rats and lice their constant companions, with no opportunity to remove or change their clothing, no access to everyday hygiene facilities like a bath, having to endure the removal of shrapnel without anaesthetic, and under threat of losing their life at any time, simply beggars belief.

"Yet this was everyday life for hundreds of thousands of our countrymen."

The general feeling among the congregation, who attended a food and drinks reception at the Duke of Wellington after the service, was that that it was a fitting tribute to those who were involved in WWI, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and that sincere thanks should go to all involved in organizing and supporting the event.

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A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Readers' Letters

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Blooming good volunteers..!

IT'S time to look up and say thank you ***– no, not heavenward, but up to our lamp posts in Eastgate, High Street and Westgate, Cowbridge –*** **and admire the beautifully-planted geraniums, petunias and other bedding plants.**

What a picture! I would also like to say thank you to the sturdy men and women who wheel the water bowser up and down, making sure the plants remain moist.

The weather has been hot of late, and that is why we should all appreciate their voluntary work.

Christopher Pollard, Cowbridge.

...and Llantwit, too!

I WOULD like to say a big thank you to the Llanilltyd Fawr in Flower Group.

The town looks gorgeous and what a brilliant job they are all doing!

I hope their collections on Saturday were successful, as they really deserve to be supported by all who live in the town.

Llantwit has never looked so good.

Thank you all!

Eileen Bennett, Llantwit Major.

Reader offers a short cut!

I AM wondering when the council will get around to cutting the grass and hedges at the top of Porthkerry fields, near Cwm Barry Way/Lon Fferm Felin?

Many of the paths have now been lost and we may never get them back. The fields are used by many local people for dog walking and for access down into Porthkerry.

I contacted the Park Ranger by email on June 25 about this matter and was told it was due to be done by the end of that week.

A council operative turned up with a machine about two weeks later, but apparently couldn't gain access.

Provide the equipment and I'll do it myself!

Martin Haley, Barry.

BHF says thank you

I WOULD like to thank GEM readers who continue to support our local BHF shops, those who have donated items, purchased goods, or have given their time to volunteer.

You have all contributed to our local shop's success.

This has helped the BHF to fund £5 million of research projects in Wales, as well as 302 Heartstart schemes for emergency life support and CPR training in local schools and businesses.

All BHF shops have an in-store community board with information on local events, nearby heart support groups and patient leaflets and information. These will soon also be available in all furniture and electrical stores.

Around 4,400 people die from coronary heart disease (CHD) in Wales every year, but with continued support from local people, the BHF can fight harder to reduce this figure.

CHD is the UK's single biggest killer, causing approximately 74,000 deaths in the UK every year.

If readers want to find out more about working in their local BHF shop or store, or wish to donate goods, please visit bhf.org.uk.

Mike Taylor,
Director of Retail, British Heart Foundation.

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Instead of blaming the Vale Council...

'LET'S CLAIM SLICE OF CARDIFF PIE'

I WISH to comment on the 'council-bashing' letters printed in your July 31 edition: according to DJ Radford, Barry would be wonderful if we had the people to invest in it.

Butlins and the Theatre Royal are mentioned, both allegedly destroyed by the council. Correct me if I'm wrong, but weren't these both private investments which failed due to lack of public support, and whose failure was absolutely nothing to do with the council?

The Knap Lido is also mentioned – which failed for mainly the same reason – but has DJ not noticed the the marvellous indoor pool which the council provided to replace it, and which can be used all year around?

Elsewhere, Anne Sprinks tells us that the money being spent on what will be a wonderful development on the promenade at Barry Island could have been better spent on replacing the railings on the Old Harbour breakwater.

Give me strength! They just can't win...

The empty shops and the lack of a cinema are simply due to Barry being so close to Cardiff. With the many millions spent on developing Cardiff over the last 30 years, combined with better transport links, it is obvious that Barry will never again be the stand-alone, thriving commercial and entertainment centre it once was.

This is not the fault of the Vale Council, who are doing their best to improve the town; however, incidentally, it is the reason why the Vale *must* merge with Cardiff on the pending reorganisation, to get a slice of that Cardiff pie.

It must not look west to Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot and remain a poor relation. If investment is the answer, it can only come from being a part of 'Greater Cardiff'.

I would mention that I have absolutely no association with the Cardiff, Vale, or Barry councils – other than having been born and lived in Barry for all of my life.

Mr T Cox,Barry.

Happy viewer

IN these days of doom and gloom, I would like to see on TV more programmes such as *'The Choir', 'Know your Garden',* and *'The Big DIY'*.

The volunteers give up their time, helping to make the world a happier place to live in. The comradeship has been outstanding and after watching the programmes, I have a deep feeling of contentment.

Mrs Heveron, Rhoose.

'Call referendum on a proposed council merger'

IT is usual for a newspaper when publishing opinion poll research to disclose both the name of the market research organisation carrying out the survey, and the name of those commissioning the poll.

This information was conspicuously absent from The GEM report in your edition of July 31, concerning the proposed merger of the Cardiff and Vale local authorities. A newspaper must always publish that which it feels to be is in its readers' interests but surely it would have been in everyone's interest to disclose the missing information, or state clearly if it was not available?

Given that it appears the Vale of Glamorgan Conservative Association, and Mr Andrew RT Davies AM, in particular – were the only organisation to circulate a press release with intimate knowledge of the sample results of the minuscule number of 608 residents polled, your readers will no doubt form their own conclusions.

There are some 500,000 people affected by these proposals in the whole of Cardiff and the Vale; and based on this interpretation of democracy, Mr Davies and the Vale Conservatives appear to be content in utilising the views of less than one per cent of the population to determine the future of both communities.

The only democratic way forward, in my personal opinion, would be to afford the people of Cardiff and the Vale the respect they deserve in this matter and allow them to determine their own future with a simple majority in a referendum.

They are entitled to choose for themselves – as, after all, they are the people who pay the community charges – and, ultimately, Mr Davies' wages as an Assembly Member.

Coun Philip Rapier,
Penarth town councillor, St Augustine's Ward

(SEE PAGE 17).

'The Vale could benefit from a dynamic capital'

IN last week's GEM, a report stated that a poll of 600 residents in Cardiff and the Vale revealed *"strong opposition to Welsh Government plans for a merger".*

What the report failed to say was who conducted the poll; who commissioned it; what questions were asked, and how 608 responses out of a population of more than 472,000 were selected?

The conclusion drawn from this 'survey' was that almost two thirds opposed the proposal to merge Cardiff and the Vale councils.

I understand the information was supplied by the office of Andrew RT Davies AM.

People need to take some care with the information being presented to them, scare-stories put forward by a few councillors, and the Vale Council's vote agreeing that they are doing a great job and should be left alone.

Some people feel councillors have a financial interest in the outcome of this proposal and I have submitted a complaint to the council on this matter.

Better to look at some real evidence.

Just consider how you feel Barry has changed since the creation of the Vale Council in 1974, and then compare that to Cardiff:

A dynamic capital city with public and private investment creating many attractions in the city and bay areas; a wonderful theatre; rugby, football, athletics and cricket arenas; a sports village; water activities; fantastic shopping; leisure activities, and a good place to live.

In addition, we have far too many councillors in Wales, when compared with Scotland, and the proposal is to reduce the 122 councillors in Cardiff and the Vale to 75.

Population-wise that should mean 20 councillors from the Vale, ie 27 less than at present.

Dennis Harkus
(*FocusBARRY member*)

GEM NOTE:
Points raised in this letter and Coun Rapier's (on left) are addressed on page 17.

CONSIDERATION ON THE BEACH

IN response to your reader's letter last week entitled '*Let's not spoil family fun on the beaches*', I agree with the writer that everyone should be able to enjoy a happy and pleasurable time on the beaches of our wonderful coastline, particularly during what is a wonderful summer.

As a mother of two (now adult) sons, we enjoyed great times on Southerndown beach, but I like to think we respected other beach users when playing games etc.

Southerndown has a large stretch of sandy beach when the tide is out, with ample space for sunbathing, games, rock-pooling and building sand castles.

I would not have dreamt of playing any ball game involving much running and throwing or hitting of a ball, anywhere near another family group with a small child.

Instead, I would have taken my children, their ball and rounders bat to a clear area – where no-one would run the risk of having THEIR chosen pleasure disturbed.

I would not condone anyone being rude and unpleasant, but the GEM reader should have shown more consideration.

(***Name and address supplied***)

'Key' is cost analysis

COUN Philip Clarke's principled stand against council officers and winning the case of the gate key, brings into question whether these public servants are fit for purpose.

If such a case ever comes to their attention again, might I suggest, before they consider their actions, that they do a cost-analysis exercise where a key costing £4 is compared with a lengthy court case costing over £100,000.

Does the Vale really have so much cash available in the public funds to support misplaced litigation?

David Mitchell, Penmark

Watch that bike!

ON your bike, but please not in the pedestrianised areas of our towns and villages!

I was recently knocked down by a middle-aged cyclist as I walked across the pedestrianised King's Square in Barry, which was busy with pedestrians on a Saturday afternoon.

Fortunately, I escaped serious injury, but was profoundly shocked by the experience – lying in the street, my possessions strewn over the ground – and wondering if I had any internal injuries.

Commonsense tells you that it is not safe for pedestrians and cycles to be in close proximity. I was informed later that there are some signs prohibiting vehicles in this area, and that this includes cycles.

I would like to see pedestrian areas clearly signed to indicate that cyclists may not ride there.

Cyclists should respect the right of pedestrians to walk in these areas, and should be required to dismount.

Where signs are present, cyclists should recognise that if they ride in these areas, they commit a crime and can be prosecuted.

Dr Denise Worsfold, Llantwit Major

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
07 Thur	03.22	7.9	16.08	8.2
08 Fri	04.41	8.4	17.13	8.9
09 Sat	05.44	9.1	18.11	9.6
10 Sun	06.37	9.8	19.01	10.2
11 Mon	07.27	10.1	19.51	10.6
12 Tues	08.16	10.5	20.37	10.8
13 Wed	08.59	10.6	21.21	10.6
14 Thur	09.44	10.3	22.07	10.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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NO LOCAL FAMILY WAS UNAFFECTED

Commemoration of the First World War at St Brides Major

VILLAGERS from St Brides Major, Southerndown, Ogmore by Sea and Ewenny gathered at the Cenotaph in St Brides Major on Monday (August 4) for a vigil service to commemorate the outbreak of the First Word War.

Organised by St Brides Major Community Council, the service was led by the Venerable Philip Morris, Archdeacon of Margam and priest in charge of Ewenny and St Brides Major.

The hymns were accompanied by the Ogmore Vale Silver Band conducted by Alice Jones, which also played music after the service. The Last Post was played by Roger Lewis on bugle.

The Bible reading was given by Margaret Rowlands, of the Mothers' Union and poems were read by Cerys May of the Guides, Meriel James of the Women's Institute, and Peter Simon of St Brides Major Community Council.

The Exhortation 'They shall grow not old' was read by Gwyn Davies, and the prayers led by Hazel Norfolk, parish reader.

In his address, Fr Philip emphasised that this was not a time for celebration, for nationalistic songs, flag-waving and grand parades: "This evening is a time for reflection, as we particularly think of the 19 men and women from St Brides Major, Southerndown and Ogmore by Sea, and the six men from Ewenny, who gave their lives for their country in the First World War."

He continued: "As we reflect on what was being unleashed 100 years ago tonight, we are mindful of the sacrifice made by so many to ensure what they hoped would be a better world. We are mindful of the effect those four dark years had on so many lives in the country and in these communities of the Vale.

The War Memorial, St Brides Major.

"As we reflect on the past, we resolve to do better for the future, knowing that we can work and live together in peace – as long as we learn the lessons of the past."

Fr Philip emphasised the devastating effect on what was then only a small farming community of some 300 people, when 25 of their young men and women did not return: "No family was unaffected."

Some of those from Ewenny and St Brides Major served with the 38th Welsh Division of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and took part in one of the bloodiest conflicts on the Somme – the battle of Mametz Wood in July 1916.

In their honour, the hymn 'Aberystwyth' was sung at the service, as the lads from the villages sang that hymn by Joseph Parry as they marched into battle.

Some of those from the villages served in the Glamorgan Yeomanry and fought in the Battle of Gaza in 1917. There is a direct connection between St Brides Major and Gaza today, as Fr Philip has visited Gaza many times in his work as co-ordinator of a fund which provides a mobile dental clinic for the Shija'ia district of Gaza, shelled in the recent conflict. He has visited the British Cemetery in Gaza in which are the graves of many soldiers from the 53rd Welsh Division and the 74th Yeomanry Division in which men from villages of the Vale served.

As the names of those on the war memorials in St Brides Major and Ewenny were read out, St Bridget's church bell was tolled, and 25 candles extinguished, one for each of those from the villages killed in the First World War.

The Two Minutes' Silence was kept, wreaths were laid, and the new floodlights switched on.

Following the service, refreshments were provided in the church hall by the Women's Institute.

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club (August 4) were as follows:

First, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans 68.75 per cent; second, Dennis Smith and Kath Jenkins 56'02; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams 53.94.

The Cowbridge Book Festival celebrates 'spirit of creativity'

AFTER several months of preparation and planning, the winners of the Cowbridge Book Festival Creative Writing Competition 2014 were able to celebrate their respective successes in the Mayor's Chamber and Parlour, on the evening of Wednesday, July 23.

In a spirit of creativity, the evening was one of relaxation and enjoyment, giving an opportunity for each of the four winners to meet up and exchange ideas.

It was especially gratifying this year because the strength of the competition was so good.

Over 40 entries were received, all adding a variety of insights into the different styles of narrative writing.

The objective was to write the introductory chapter of an autobiography, either real, or imagined and without exception this was approached with gusto and enthusiasm.

The quality of writing was exceptional, to the extent that the task of assessing and making decisions proved to be challenging for the judging panel. However, a consensus of opinion was reached and overwhelmingly agreed upon, and we have our worthy winners:

Winner: Candida Niman, WHEN THE HEART IS FULL.

Runner-up: Peter Sain Ley Berry, PIG.

Third place: Christine Burns, THE GIFT.

Highly commended: Dr. Zain Sami, THE NORTH WEST FRONTIER.

Mr Richard Edwards, the managing director of Archytas Wealth Management who are the sponsors of the competition, presented cheques and certificates to the winners and finally the Mayor, Coun Peter Knapp concluded the prize-giving with many kind words of congratulation and appreciation of the assembled talent.

The evening was concluded with drinks and delicious refreshments in the Mayor's Parlour.

Vivienne Charlton was the competition coordinator.

A folder with the four winning entries is available to read both in Old Hall and in the library.

POIGNANT PEAL FOR BELLRINGER

Back row: Alf Charles, Mike Legrove, Nic Treharne, Michael Jackson; front row: Penny Jarvis, Helen Barrie and Bert Thomas.

ON Monday (August 4) at 10am, Cowbridge parish bellringers rang the Holy Cross bells to commemorate the start of World War One in 1914.

The event was especially poignant for one of the ringers, Nic Treharne, whose grandfather, Charlie Davies, looked after the horses in France and returned home safely.

Aberthin racehorse trainer held a guest day at his Pant Wilkin Stables, to showcase extra facilties at the yard, which now has 114 stables. (See next week for a report, and more photographs by Mike Wilcock).

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Work starts!

AFTER many months of complaining to the Vale regarding the state of the road in the Park Newydd area of Treoes, work was due to begin this week (Tuesday) and residents have been advised to avoid using their vehicles during this time.

Show winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Treoes resident Mrs Liz Mathews on winning at the Royal Welsh Show with her Cornella Poll Dorset sheep. It seems Liz is continuing the success of her late husband, David, who was undisputed champion as a breeder and as a show judge.

Saron service

A SERVICE will be held in Saron Chapel, Treoes, on Sunday August 10 at the usual time of 3pm. Officiating cleric is Mr Trevor Harry. A warm welcome will be extended to everyone.

PoW impressed

DURING my recent visit to the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend I was extremely impressed with the bright wards, the cleanliness, and the helpful attitude of everyone, when I enquired which ward my friend was in.

(*PS: My friend is now back home*).

• ***Welcome home from the Commonwealth Games to all the young representatives of Wales, who took part. A big thank you; whether you won a medal or not, we are proud of you! Nancy.***

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CHOIR'S ANNUAL CONCERT FEATURES A WEALTH OF LOCAL MUSICAL TALENT

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir's 43rd annual concert was held on the evening of Saturday, July 26 in Cowbridge Leisure Centre and, as usual, it was very well attended, with all seats taken.

The choir was very fortunate to have several soloists, including baritone Wyn Pencarreg and two teenage musicians, harpist Anwen Fardy and singer Charlotte Adams.

Anwen and Charlotte were the 2013-2014 winners of the Llantwit Major Rotary Club's young musician competition, and demonstrated to the audience that there is plenty of first class young musical talent in the Vale.

The choir began with the stirring 'Divine Brahma' from Bizet's opera *The Pearl Fishers,* followed by the contrasting mood of the modern love song 'Let it Be Me'.

The first Welsh song was the patriotic 'O Gymru' which was followed by 'Troytes Chant' – better known as 'Eli Jenkins' Prayer' in recognition of the centenary of Dylan Thomas's birth.

The final piece in the first quarter was the traditional Welsh hymn 'Laudamus' or 'Bryn Calfaria' as it is also known.

The next section was devoted to the soloists. Charlotte Adams sang 'Out of My Dreams' by Rodgers and Hammerstein and Anwen Fardy played 'Viejo Zortzico' by Jesus Guridi.

Wyn Pencarreg's first set was made up of three pieces, one each in English, Italian and German. The first of these was 'Arm, Arm ye Brave' by Handel, followed by 'Se viol Ballare' from Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* and lastly 'O! du mien holder Abendstern' by Wagner.

In the second quarter, the choir started off with the well known 'Cwm Rhondda' followed by 'You are So Beautiful to Me' which was dedicated to the wife of Robin Hughes, the choir's stage manager on the occasion of their wedding anniversary – the old smoothie!

The choir finished the first half with Coldplay's 'Viva La Vida', the ever-popular 'She' from the film *Notting Hill* and the Welsh hymn 'Nazareth'.

The second half began with two Welsh pieces, the rousing hymn 'Gwahoddiad' followed by a modern arrangement of 'Ar Lan Y Mor.' The next three songs were new pieces in the choir's repertoire – the jazz song 'Feeling Good', Adele's hit song 'To Make You Feel My Love' (written by Bob Dylan) and the multi-part Hebrew song 'El Yivneh'.

In relation to the last of these, compere Jon Wilkes told the audience that the choir would be happy if they all managed to start and end the song together!

In the next section, the soloists agsin took the stage. Anwen played 'My Favourite Things' from *The Sound of Music* and Charlotte sang 'Mae Hiraith Yn Y Mor' by Dilys Elwyn-Edwards.

Wyn Pencarreg's final set consisted of 'The Vagabond' by Vaughan Williams, 'Aros Mae'r Mynddau Mawr' and finished with 'Some Enchanted Evening' from *South Pacific*. Wyn had as his accompanist on the piano, Simon Phillippo.

The choir's final set began with a medley of songs from the musical followed by 'I Believe' which was a hit for Frankie Laine in 1953. Obviously, neither the choir nor the audience would be old enough to remember this.

The final song in the concert was 'Tydi a Roddaist', the Welsh hymn best known for its 'Amens'. In fact, so good were the Amens that the choir was persuaded to sing them again as an encore!

Presentations were made to the soloists and their accompanists, the choir accompanist Sandra Williams and musical director Shelley Thomas-Brown. A special award was made to retired chorister and former chairman Brinley George, who was made an honorary life member of the choir. **TC**

Charlotte Adams and Anwen Fardy.

LEFT: Baritone Wyn Pencarreg presented two varied sets.

Site manager receives house-building award

A LOCAL site manager Chris King has been honoured with a leading industry accolade for his work on a new housing development at Llanharry, near Pontyclun.

Mr King is a winner in the annual Pride in the Job Awards – known as the housebuilding industry's own Oscars – organised by NHBC (National House-Building Council).

The Pride in the Job Quality Award recognises his management of the Bryn Celyn scheme, one of developer Lovell's new developments.

Only 446 Pride in the Job award winners were chosen from around 15,000 UK managers on housing projects across the UK.

Mr King, who lives in Treharris, says: "It means a huge amount to get this kind of recognition from the NHBC. I'm lucky to have a job that I love and the support of a highly skilled and dedicated team; this award is for them as much as it is for me."

Briton Ferry is sunk by Cowbridge 2nd XI

LAST week, Cowbridge entertained Briton Ferry Steel at the Athletic Ground, with the pitch slightly soggy from heavy overnight rain.

Briton Ferry Steel are third in the table and, therefore, Cowbridge knew that they would have to play very well to stand any chance of victory.

The Cowbridge captain, Jonty Webb, called correctly at the toss and decided to bat first; an unusual decision bearing in mind the captain's preference to field first.

Things started brightly for Cowbridge with both Cowbridge openers, Webb and Chris Ross, putting on over 50 before Chris was caught in the gully.

This brought to the crease debutant Rene Regis, who immediately showed what an excellent batsmen he is. He, along with Webb, kept the scoreboard ticking until Jonty was out for 38.

This signalled a typical Cowbridge collapse, with only Rene standing firm. In the end Rene was out for an excellent 48, which included an enormous six that cleared the hedge at the Bear Field end of the ground.

No else made a score of any substance and Cowbridge finished on a disappointing 141 off their 50 overs.

Cowbridge knew this was under par and they realised that they would have to bowl and field particularly well to stand any chance of victory; and this they promptly did.

Both Sean Rowland (4 for 21) and Rene Regis (1 for 30) immediately put the Briton Ferry Steel batsmen under pressure and wickets began to fall.

With the score 71 for 5, the skipper turned to senior pros Guy Parker and Ian Evans, who continued to apply the pressure – with the result that Briton Ferry Steel finally buckled and collapsed to 97 all out.

This was an excellent victory against a side riding high third in the table. It was particularly pleasing to see how the side kept the pressure up on Briton Ferry Steel and did not lose concentration.

The morale in the side was as ever terrific and, hopefully, this winning mentality can be maintained as the season regrettably draws to a conclusion. **JW**

WI get in depth view of Hawaii volcanoes

AT the July meeting of the Cowbridge Friendship Club, members were transported to Hawaii, but if they were expecting grass skirts, leis and hula dancers they were very sadly mistaken – instead, we were given a fascinating insight into volcanoes on the Hawaiian islands by Monica Jones, with the help of her marvellous slides.

Monica visited the Hawaiian Islands to see the volcanoes, which at the time of her visit were dormant. However, she explained that there were villages inside some of the volcanoes and even a US Military Base.

All too quickly her talk was complete, but the members thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and did manage to catch a glimpse of some of the magnificent beaches.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month when we have a variety of activities. For our meeting in August we hope the members will take part in armchair bowls.

If you, or someone you know, would like to join, please ring 01656 68446 to find out more. **Pat Smith (Leader)**

DIANE DISCOVERED THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRADITIONAL CEREMONY

'I organised my daughter Kate's funeral – and people said it was inspirational'

Report by **TIM CHAPMAN**

ON Saturday, July 12, Diane Mitchell received the worst news a mother can ever hear.

"A nurse at the University Hospital of Wales called me and said: '*Your daughter died 20 minutes ago*'."

Diane's daughter Kate Stephenson was just 44.

Diane, well known in Barry as an artist, was devastated – few parents expect to be faced with the tragedy of saying a final farewell to their child.

Amid the trauma following her daughter's death, Diane took on the responsibility of working out the funeral arrangements.

"We thought there was insurance to help with the costs of a funeral, only to find out Kate had accident cover and not life cover.

"I was faced with the huge worry of how to raise money to pay for the funeral."

The University Hospital of Wales had handed Diane a bereavement book, with practical advice for people who had lost a loved-one.

One paragraph stood out, emphasising that families don't have to hold a funeral ceremony, or use a religious minister or funeral director.

A telephone number quoted in the book was for The Natural Death Centre (01962 712690) and Diane gave the centre a ring. She told the woman that she had noted the points made regarding a minister and funeral directors.

"The lady said: '*Is it a revelation to you*?' I said '*absolutely*'. She explained that if I could find a suitable vehicle, I could pick up the body and take it to the crematorium."

In fact, Diane discovered that as long as she followed some simple rules she could organise the whole funeral herself – effectively planning her own family send-off and drastically reducing the costs.

Friends and family gave vital help and support throughout the process.

Diane obtained the relevant form from the coroner's office so she had permission for the cremation.

"My cousin Nicola and her partner Graham, were very supportive. Graham acquired a new van to pick Kate up from the mortuary.

"I already had a coffin in my work room, which I'd started to paint for myself. I thought 'it's silly not to use it' and changed the design for Kate.

"The men at the mortuary said it was the most beautiful coffin they had seen. My friend Antonia had lined it for me."

Diane led the funeral service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium on Port Road East.

"Jane and her colleagues at the crematorium were very helpful. As people arrived Faure's *Requiem* was played."

Diane gave the eulogy, describing Kate as "beautiful, talented, intelligent, adventurous, creative, feisty, unafraid, happy, loving, generous, and funny".

She concluded by saying: "I did a meditation on the day Kate died and had a vision of her dancing and saying 'I'm free, I'm free'."

Other members of the family also made contributions during the service.

Diane said: "People described the service as 'powerful, spiritual, inspirational, and, above all, personal'.

"When people are grieving and their emotions are raw they don't want to be worried about how they are going to pay for a funeral – I hope my experience may help them.

"I want people to be aware that there is an alternative to the traditional funeral.

"I also want to thank all my dog walking friends on Nell's Point for their kindness at such a difficult time."

At some stage in the future, Diane, Kate's son Dylan and family members, will make a pilgrimage to an area that held a special place in Kate's heart

"We plan to scatter her ashes over the Malvern Hills, a place she loved and where she had been so happy," Diane expl;ained.

***RIGHT:** The coffin Diane prepared for Kate's funeral, which featured one of her daughter's passions – her love of cats.*

75th ANNIVERSARY MARKED

PRESIDENT Fran Mitchell opened St Nicholas WI's July meeting with the usual business procedures, and reported her attendance at an NFWI conference about 'Inspiring Women'.

It had impressed her with its professionalism and provoked much interest and discussion.

In June, some of our members travelled with other WIs in the county to Henley on Thames to visit Greys Court, onetime home of Lady Brunner and her family who had contributed so much the WI movement.

Our own summer outing was to Brecon, visiting the cathedral and ending with a cruise along the canal on a perfect summer's day.

St Nicholas also celebrated its 75th birthday, combining it with hosting our link meeting with other WIs in the East Vale group. Apart from enjoying excellent refreshments, we were completely baffled by an excellent magician who kept us all guessing!

After noting the news in the county federation letter and refreshments, we enjoyed a visit from Pat Summers showing us how to make fragrant lavender wands, an ancient craft and one which raises funds for her charity, the Forget Me Not Choir.

Our next meeting will be in St Nicholas Village Hall on September 4 at 7pm, when our speaker will tell us about Hindu customs. New members always welcome. ***W Lowe***

LAMBS visit the Galilee chapel

ON July 31, 23 members of LAMBS local history group visited St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major to view the impressive new Galilee chapel which was opened in November 2013.

Founded in 500 AD by the Welsh monk Illtud, the church site is believed to be Britain's earliest centre of learning, with a monastic school of over 1,000 students who may have included St David. The party was conducted around the church and chapel by Mr Bill Henderson, a church ambassador.

With the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund and other awards, the formerly roofless Galilee chapel has been transformed into a magnificent exhibition space for several Celtic Christian stones previously housed in the main part of the church.

The restored chapel also serves as a centre for education in Celtic Christian studies, and features an archive room, toilets and a tea room – to support increased use of the church by the local community.

At the end of the visit, the LAMBS' chair thanked Mr Henderson for providing the party with a very informative and highly enjoyable tour, and presented a contribution from LAMBS to church costs.

He also thanked Pam Salmon for arranging what had proved to be a very successful event.

The party then retired to the nearby Illtud's 216 restaurant, set in a 16th century malt house, for an enjoyable evening meal.

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Man jailed for double knockout

Report by **AJ SICLUNA**

TWO men lost consciousness when violence broke out in a lane at the rear of a Barry club.

Each had been the victim of an unprovoked assault, said Recorder Philip Davies at Cardiff Crown Court.

Teejay Caton, 23, of Southey Street, Barry, was jailed for 20 months.

Caton admitted causing Ben Gallimore actual bodily harm and assaulting John Curtis.

Said the Recorder: "You had wanted to fight those two individuals and the assaults were totally unprovoked".

Prosecutor David Wooler said that on the night of May 23, Mr Gallimore was in the Gordon Bennett Club, Barry, with Mr Curtis and others.

Caton was also there and there were "verbal differences" between the men, and Caton was told to leave. However, he hung around outside and the others left by a back door, but Caton anticipated this and approached the pair.

Someone tried to calm him down and Mr Curtis was punched in the face, struck his head on the ground, and lost consciousness.

Caton shouted: "That's one down" and punched Mr Gallimore to the cheek. He also lost consciousness.

Both were taken to the University Hospital of Wales where Mr Curtis was treated for cuts and swellings. Mr Gallimore had cuts which required stitches and deep grazes.

In a victim impact statement, Mr Curtis said he was now wary of other people and the incident had shocked him.

Caton was said to have convictions for assault and public order offences.

His solicitor, Thomas Trobe, said that while on remand, he had received counselling.

"He realises custody is inevitable, and recognises he has to change his ways and not consume alcohol." He was ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £80.

SCHOOL'S 40th CELEBRATION GOES WITH A SWING AT PETERSTON SUPER ELY!

Photographs by **IAN DIXON**

THE last month of term at Peterston-super-Ely Primary School went with a swing.

It was the 40th anniversary of the school's move to new premises, and this was celebrated with a picture gallery, balloon release, choir performances, and refreshments.

Earlier in the week, there was a career day with presentations from a pilot, a geologist, a vet, and from father Martyn Davies.

Finally, the year-6 leavers promenaded through a bunting-decorated village to the red-carpeted school hall, which had been revamped with a James Bond theme, with a casino, shooting gallery and disco, plus a supper, all organised by the very active PTA.

'Memo' needs your help in campaign to bring the latest blockbuster movies back to the town

A campaign is under way to bring a state of the art digital cinema to Barry.

A spokeswoman for the Memorial Hall told The GEM that acquiring the latest equipment would open up a whole new world of possibilities for family entertainment in the town.

In 2008, Barry lost its main cinema provision when the Theatre Royal closed its doors.

The spokeswoman explained: "We love film at the Memo, and know how important it is to have a local cinema back in Barry.

"Since January 2013, our new film programme CINE-MEMO has presented 76 films on the biggest screen in the Vale.

"Our film programme has become loved by many, and now we are calling all film lovers to help us with our fundraising campaign, which will bring everything we need into the venue to make it the best cinema experience possible.

"This will enable the Memo to show the latest blockbusters in Barry as new releases and show live streaming events, including West End shows, national ballets, operas and major events – so our lovely old Memo has what it takes to be Barry's Digital Cinema.

"Our fundraising campaign entitled LOVE FILM? WE DO TOO! #BARRYCINEMEMO, aims to raise the match funding we need to put towards our potential grant from the Arts Council Wales Lottery, who have selected the Memo to bid for a grant from their 'digital cinema conversion scheme'.

"If successful, the £150,000 investment will enable the Memo to make much-needed refurbishments and purchase state-of-the-art digital projection equipment, including a fantastic new roll-down cinema screen with automated masking, and install dynamic surround sound equipment to deliver a dynamic digital cinema for all who live in Barry to use and enjoy.

"To make all this possible, we are calling on the people of Barry for their support to help raise our match funding target of £75,000.

"For the price of a £5 cinema ticket, your donation will help bring the latest in cinema and live streaming to Barry by spring 2015!

The Memo's general manager, Kate Long and trustee Richard Thomas, show the children's holiday film programme to a young Cheltenham visitor, Morgan Norfolk.

"To donate £5, please text MEM015 £5 to 70070. The support of people and their donations will help us make the only local cinema experience better."

GEM film reviewer Gareth Jamieson said he supported the Memo's initiative: "The Memorial Hall, along with the community cinemas across the Vale, have done an excellent job in filling the void left by the Theatre Royal, but the success of this campaign would mean that Barry would have access to up-to-date films, saving local cinema fans the expense and time of trekking into Cardiff to watch the latest releases.

"I hope that the public support the Memorial Hall's campaign and bring this much-needed facility to the town."

The Memo is an independent registered charity which generates over 56 per cent of its income from its programme and events, and receives grants from Barry Town Council, the Vale Council, the Arts Council of Wales and Ffilm Cymru.

For more information about the fundraising appeal, email fundraising@memoartscentre.co.uk. Film ideas and suggestions can be sent to boxoffice@barrymemo.co.uk, and full cinema listings can be found on the website www.memoartscentre.co.uk.

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Praise for Dinas Powys school's 'imagination'

Mrs Sue Jordan and Coun Chris Franks with the school ambassadors.

THE St Andrew's Church in Wales school welcomed chairman of Dinas Powys Council on a glorious summer's day in the company of Coun John Fanshaw, a school governor.

Coun Chris Franks congratulated retiring headteacher Mrs Sue Jordan for all her efforts in the community, and wished her well as she embarked on a new phase in her life.

He said: "I was shown around the building and grounds by the pupils who were obvious very proud of their school. The imaginative use of the grounds incorporated into every day lessons was very creative.

"There are big changes next term with a new head and deputy and a number of staff being promoted. This shows the strength of the school."

Council wants views on parking enforcement

THE Vale Council is asking residents for their views on how civil parking enforcement in the Vale has worked over the last 12 months.

As of April 2013, the management of on street parking has been the responsibility of the Vale Council instead of the police.

The new civil parking enforcement powers enable councils to enforce parking regulations to make sure that everyone parks correctly on the highway and in council-owned or managed car parks.

The survey will seek views how effective the system is, and whether there are any improvements to be made.

Residents can respond to the survey via the council website at *www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/parkingconsultation*.

To request a hard copy of the survey, call 01446 700111 or email *consultation@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk*.

Responses are being accepted until September 10.

Llancarfan show

LLANCARFAN village show takes place on August 16 and anyone is welcome to enter.

For full details, call Kay Brain on 02921 250222 or Sue Taylor on 01446 781453.

Busy times for brass band

THE Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band, sponsored by local businesses A Class Apart from Dinas Powys and CJ Contract Travel Services Ltd of Barry, have been very busy over the last few weeks, performing in both indoor and outdoor concerts in and around the Vale.

As part of their 40th anniversary year, the band played to a well-supported and very responsive audience in Rhoose in their anniversary Concert.

This was followed by a request from the venue management team at the Wales Millennium Centre, to provide music for the theatre goers at the opening night of the First World War drama *War Horse*.

The band were privileged to take part in 'Brass in the Park' organised by The Friends Of St Augustine's Church, Penarth, to raise awareness of the restoration of The Roll of Honour, for those who lost their lives in the First World War.

It also brought back into use the bandstand in Windsor Gardens, Penarth, which hasn't been used for that purpose for many years.

The band, under musical director Dave Short, included songs and hymns from that era.

In the past few weeks, the band has had a busy practice schedule culminating in three rehearsals this week in preparation for the competition at The National Eisteddfod in Llanelli.

The band will be giving an outdoor concert at Penarth Pier on August 10 starting at 12 noon before winding down for what will be a short summer break.

The band's first engagement on Friday, September 19, will be at Fonmon Castle where there are limited seats available. For more information and to book tickets, call: 07917 796841.

If there are any brass players or percussionists who perhaps haven't played for years and fancy having a go, the Vale of Glamorgan Band hold rehearsals at Barry Athletic Club, Paget Road, Barry Island, every Monday at 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

TOUCHING CANDLELIT VIGIL FOR THOSE WHO DIED FOR FREEDOM

Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

AMONGST this week's commemorations of the 100th anniversary of the Great War, no tribute was more touching than the candlelit service that took place outside the Memorial Hall at Barry Cenotaph.

This was one of many services where Barry and the rest of the Vale paid their respects to those who fought for our liberty and freedom.

It was here where the heartbreaking story of Barry's George Lewis, who at the age of just 14, was the youngest person to have been lost during the conflict, was shared.

The remarkable service, organised by the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion along with other supporters, reflected the sense of self-sacrifice which would have touched all members of our community.

More than 100 attended, with many holding candles. Bible readings were shared and some of the most powerful poems and stories from the Great War were read. As darkness fell, we were left in candlelight. Ultimately, with only a single candle burning.

When driving home, I was touched to see the number of houses lit by a single light to mark the symbolic act of remembrance. This idea was inspired by the words of Sir Edward Grey, the wartime diplomat. On the eve, he said: *"The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our life-time."*

When we consider the current instability around the world, I feel that it is so important to remember the suffering that people, our community, endured for our safety and freedom.

It was moving to see so many of the local communities; Scouts and Guides, clubs and societies and many other organisations, paying their respects in different ways to the 273 local men who died during that conflict.

Other communities across Barry and the rest of the Vale also paid tribute in their own way: Dinas Powys hosted a service at their war memorial on the Twyn; tributes were paid by veterans at the Merchant Navy Memorial outside Barry's Civic Offices; and a special service was held at Holy Cross, Cowbridge, amongst many others.

The commemorations underline the role that Barry and the rest of the Vale played during World War One. Yet I was saddened to learn that the Barry at War Group's request for a permanent base has been rejected.

It is essential that we provide a lasting tribute to act as a reminder for future generations of the sacrifices made by the men, women and children for the liberty we share today.

I will do all I can to support the Barry at War group and I am pleased to see their enthusiasm has not been dampened.

As we approach the centenary of the Battle of Mametz Wood in 2016, where Welsh soldiers suffered their greatest losses, I hope we can use this date as a target for a permanent display in Barry.

The commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism of the Barry at War Group could provide a suitable way to educate the current generation about those who gave so much in all conflicts over the last century.

Sully Ladies who include former Barry Gems: Front row from left to right, second lady – Kimberley Margetts, third lady – Lisa Grindley, fourth lady – Natalie Ashford, sixth lady – Sara Watkins. Second row: left to right, sixth lady – Kiesha Cordle, seventh lady Emma Reynolds.

GEM-sponsored ladies team from a decade ago has been reformed as the Sully Ladies!

WHO would ever of thought that over a decade ago when the Glamorgan GEM sponsored a local girls' team that they would reunite after a 12 year long break!

Sarah George the coach/manager of the original 'Barry Gems', who has helped to organise the new team, explained: "I was approached by an old player Keisha Cordle to get the girls back together.

"It didn't take long until we had 11 players – six of them former Barry GEM players.

"I managed to convince Sully BP to take a women's team under their wing.

"So now there is a base to work from and the team has a sponsor (Just4nailz).

"We are also fundraising to help buy equipment and a kit.

"As Sully Ladies we have entered the South Wales Women and Girls league and for the second season finishing a respectful seventh."

The team has also achieved representative success.

Sarah said: "Two of the ladies who played for the GEMS, and are currently playing for Sully Ladies, have been picked for the representative squad for Wales.

"New coach Mark Brown has helped take the ladies to a new level that opponents in the South Wales League are finding hard to cope with.

"We to thank our sponsors for 2014/15 season The Muscle Gym Barry Island, United Carpets and Go Direct school of motoring."

• *Anyone also wishing to sponsor the team, can contact Sarah on 07773 997 117.*

The Barry Gems and how they've progressed! Front row left to right: Second girl Emma Reynolds now has a degree in combined studies; she specialises in criminology, socialology and psychology. She has a further degree in social work, and is currently a social worker. Third girl is Kathryn Gronow – at university she studied law and completed legal practice course. Kathryn is a case worker for Jane Hutt AM, and volunteers for her local church as a children's Youth Worker. The fourth girl is Kimberley Margetts – now a qualified gym instructor. Second row: the goalkeeper on the left is Lisa Grindley – a sales assistant; the goalkeeper on the right is Sara Watkins – studied PE, IT and business studies, currently working as a customer service adviser . Saz has given us our mascot this year (a baby!) .

ABOVE:
Another picture of some of the young Barry Gems squad from the past: Front row from the left, Kathryn Gronow – next to her is Lisa Grindley, and the fourth girl along is Natalie Ashford. Second row, from left, second girl in, Kimberley Margetts, third girl Emma Reynolds. These two players are now in the south Wales representative squad.

Student Leona has a building career in site!

Leona on the site in Barry.

BARRY student Leona Hobbs has been spending part of her summer holiday on work experience at the former Magistrates' Courts site.

The £6.3m project in Thompson Street is being developed by Newydd Housing and Vale Council to provide 52 affordable homes and retail units.

Leona, who has just finished her GCSEs, was keen to find out more about the construction industry before she starts her A/AS course at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School in September, and approached the contractor Jehu Project Services Ltd.

Leona observed all the trades in action and shadowed the site management team. In addition, she had a day in the company's head office in Bridgend with estimators and quantity surveyors.

She reported: "It has been a brilliant experience to be able to come on site and work with Jehu. Everyone was very welcoming and I have learned more to further my knowledge in construction."

Audit Office is praised

COUN Chris Elmore, Vale cabinet member for children's services, has welcomed a report by the Wales Audit Office, on the Labour/Llantwit First-led council's commitment to reducing the number of school leavers not in education, employment or training.

The number of young people who have not gone on to further education or into employment or training (referred to as NEETs), following leaving school in year-11, has dropped by 32 per cent across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Coun Elmore, Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate said: "It is so important that all school leavers go on into further education or get their first jobs as soon as possible.

"With a difficult jobs market, it is absolutely vital that schools, the council and all other agencies are committed and working together, to make sure our young people have the skills and support needed to make that first step into the workplace.

"I was very pleased to see that the Wales Audit Office has praised the council's hard work and commitment.

"We still have further to go in order to fulfil our ambition to be a 'NEET-free county' and we will look at where we can make improvements and seek to learn from other councils who have also substantially reduced the number of NEETs."

Darts AGM

THE AGM of Barry Darts League will be held on August 13, in Cadoxton Conservative Club at 7.30pm.

Entry forms for next season will be available at the meeting.

Anyone wishing to enter a new team into the league, can email barrydartsleague@gmail.com for full details.

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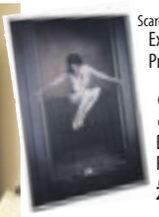
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Lack of organ donors in Wales, but...

Lee can say: 'My dad's gift helped to save lives!'

AS Wales gets ready to change its organ donation laws in 2015, local people are being urged to speak to family members regarding organ donation – so they are aware of loved ones' wishes.

ABOVE: Lee Saunders with his sos Keeegan (5) and Rio (4) at their home in Rhoose.

Lee Saunders from Rhoose in the Vale lost his father Pete suddenly in January 2013. Pete died from an aneurism at the age of 68.

He had been on life support at the University Hospital of Wales but, sadly, there was no hope of recovery.

During the final hours, Pete's wife Margaret recalled that her husband had signed the NHS Organ Donor Register and wanted to give others the gift of life.

It was a traumatic time for the family, but one that was made easier by the presence of specialist nurses in organ donation, Caroline and Susie.

Pete's son, Lee, said: "Having Caroline and Susie there with us all day, explaining what would happen was a comfort.

"Knowing that we'd acted on dad's wishes gave us peace of mind and helped us deal with the grieving process. I think that talking to the specialist nurses has made me more able to talk about my father's death.

"Mum and I still grieve for him and miss him, but I feel very comfortable talking about what happened.

"We were really pleased that dad was honoured as an organ donor in the St John Organ Donor Recognition Award Ceremony, which took place in Cardiff in November 2013.

" It was touching and important to us. I had the opportunity to talk to the Health Minister at the event and said that I hoped more donor organs would become available as a result of the new organ donation legislation – there's a dire need.

"For me, I hope the legislation will help to change perceptions and encourage more people to talk about organ donation.

"We've wanted to be open about the donation of his organs. We've used social media a lot and had organ donor cards on display at the funeral.

"We wanted people to know, as we'd been shocked at how few organ donors there are generally in Wales and the rest of the UK."

Lee and Margaret had the most tangible evidence that Peter's gift had borne fruit.

"We've already received three letters from the recipients of dad's organs.

"To receive them so soon was quite surprising but brilliant at the same time. I was actually very relieved too, because it means that dad saved lives.

"I'm very keen to meet some of the recipients and I hope that that's something the specialist nurses can arrange for me in the near future."

On December 1, 2015, the law will change in the area of organ donation in Wales, and a new 'soft opt-out' organ donation system will be introduced.

It is hoped this change will help create the conditions for an increase in the number of organ donors.

The new system will be an 'opt-out' – where the choices will be:

If you want to be a donor – either register your decision now (this is known as opting in), or do nothing and be regarded as a donor (this is known as deemed consent).

If you don't want to be a donor – register your decision (this is known as opting out).

'Mind your actions' police warn young

YOUNG people in Bridgend and the Vale are being warned by South Wales Police to be "mindful of your actions", during the school holidays, and urged to take part in events organised by their local authorities, and partner agencies – in a bid to combat anti-social behaviour.

The police are asking young people to be respectful to their communities, and to enjoy the holidays, while being mindful of their neighbours.

Bridgend community safety inspector, Steve Jennings, said: "We appreciate that over the summer holidays, teenagers, in particular, feel that they have nothing to do outside of school, and nowhere to go.

"But we hope events being held throughout the summer will give young people across Bridgend and the Vale the opportunity to engage in something positive, and help to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour."

Officers in both Bridgend and the Vale say they will be out on patrol and speaking to people about the effect their behaviour can have on others in their community, and will continue to take action where necessary.

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Joyful occasion for Barry choir tinged with sadness

The choir, with Les Phillips and Andrew Fitchett holding their tankards.

ABOVE: YSGOL SANT BARUC PUPILS.

THE annual concert of Barry Male Voice Choir was a joyful midsummer occasion in almost every way.

Additional variety, youth, vivacity and talent were provided by the choir of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, conducted by Delwen Williams. Local violinist Helina Rees was guest soloist

The unseasonal heat of the day created a choir precedent. For comfort, choir jackets were abandoned leaving the choir exposed to the audience in dazzling detergent white appropriately matched by the purity of their sound!!

Annual concerts provide an opportunity for the recognition of choir service. This year marked the 40th year of choir membership for two members, Les Phillips and Alan Fitchett.

Sadly, Alan passed away shortly after completing his 40 years of membership. Choir chairman Gareth Roberts presented Les and Alan's son Andrew with commemorative tankards and expressed thanks for their loyal commitment to the choir.

Thanks were also expressed to Musical Director Dorothy Connell and accompanist Sally Tarlton.

Ahead lies a summer break for pupils and choristers alike. Choir rehearsals will restart on Monday, September 1 at 7.30pm at Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street Barry. New members are always welcome.

The only requirement is an interest in singing. Any men interested.in taking up this rewarding activity are welcome to telephone 01446 402398 for further details.

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JOURNEY OF POEMS BEGINS IN RHOOSE

THE following poem appears in *A Journey of Poems* by a GEM reader, Colin Godfrey of Rhoose, a copy of which is in Rhoose Library.

"Lots of my days spent walking and visiting places in Wales has inspired my poems," he explains.

Cardiff Airport in Rhoose

A silhouette shadow
rises undone by the
dawn.
The moon has fallen
now, at the cost of our
day.
A glow of orange
vapour forms as
emerging cloud,
For whereto does
their journey seek.
Above the core of the
engine's power thrusts,
Those on board of
business wine or feast.
I look as the
flickering lights mix
with the fading stars,
Whilst the craft drifts
into the morning Welsh
mist.
Observe the mimic of
seagulls' glide towards
England's port,
As the ships stare
from their decks below.
The runway is now
dormant a while,
As the wings wait in
turn, with luggage to
board.
Outside the perimeter
a lonely man stands,
He waits patiently for
those to descend.
I watch as the birds
swoop above
Porthkerry,
Whilst the earth waits
for their wings to fall to
this land.
Close to Rhoose
village it couldn't be
kinder of place,
For 'tis truly lovely
here.
For Rhoose is
welcoming,
A place I want to be,
For 'tis my home
now.
So enjoy the views of
the estuary with me,
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Valeways guided walks

COUNTRY Lanes and Sea Views starts at 1.30pm on Tuesday, August 12, meeting at Wenvoe Arms, rear car park.

On Wednesday, August 13, the Coffee Shop Strollers will meet at the Romilly Cafe on Cold Knap, Barry at 10.30am.

Hospital services for elderly local people set to be 're-designed'

CHANGES to services for older people in Cardiff and the Vale have been approved by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

The proposals, which were developed by specialist elderly care clinicians and reviewed by a variety of stakeholders, including Cardiff and the Vale Community Health Council, related primarily to changes to clinical gerontology services at Barry Hospital and West Wing in Cardiff.

Following feedback, updated proposals were agreed by the board at their July meeting, which will see the Frail Older People's Assessment and Liaison Service (FOPAL) extended to the Vale based at University Hospital Llandough (UHL), along with a specialist hub for medical, stroke and orthopaedic rehabilitation in-patient beds, also at UHL.

There will also be increased specialist gerontology presence at UHL and the University Hospital of Wales, with expanded day care capacity at Barry and St David's Hospitals.

These developments will also mean the closure of West Wing and of the Neale and Kent Ward at Barry Hospital, with the Sam Davies Ward at Barry being retained as a step-down facility for older people in the Vale who are not quite ready to go home following a spell in a major hospital.

The Elderly Care Assessment Service (ECAS) will be provided from Llandough, St David's and Barry Hospitals, a slight change to the original proposals, reflecting the feedback received during the engagement process.

Dr Joseph Grey, clinical director for clinical gerontology, said: "We would like to thank everyone who has shared their views and helped to shape these plans.

"This work is very important as getting the care we provide for older people right is vital as our population ages.

"The average age of patients in our hospitals is in the mid-80s. These patients can have multiple, complex health and social care needs and these plans look at meeting those needs in the best way and in the best place."

Chief Officer of Cardiff and the Vale Community Health Council, Stephen Allen, commented that the CHC had considered carefully the proposals from the health board and was reassured that the re-design of these services to meet the needs of an elderly and vulnerable group, whilst acknowledging the need for these patients to remain as independent as possible while receiving quality community support, was appropriate.

He said: "We all agree the environment at West Wing is unsuitable and anyone who needs inpatient care should expect to receive it in wards which are comfortable, clean and safe.

"The CHC received written assurances from the chair of the health board that patients currently on the Neale and Kent Ward who required inpatient care would be transferred to the Sam Davies Ward at Barry, and the provision of beds available to aid discharge from UHW and UHL to a more community setting would be maintained."

He added: "Conversely, local GPs retain the ability to refer patients directed to this ward to meet the health care needs of this patient group. The CHC will oversee the implementation of these changes through its normal routine visiting mechanism."

£25 GEM FACEBOOK PRIZE

Our GEM Facebook winner for July 31, 2014 is:

Lorraine Stephens

who correctly answered last week's question in The GEM.

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The competition runs every week throughout 2014 with a potential prize fund of £1,150.

Congratulations, Lorraine!

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NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Woodland Trust woods are a fine setting for an evening walk

On a beautiful summer evening, 10 walkers joined Sue and Joy and dogs Bracken and Bronte for a stroll around some of the lovely Woodland Trust woods near Dinas Powys.

They set off along gravel paths in Casehill Wood to descend and cross the Cadoxton River and walked through the delightful copper beech trees into the steep-sided Cwm George.

Then, climbing a woodland trail into Park Wood and walking in a circle around the perimeter, they descended via a bridle path with glorious views across Michaelston-le-Pit and towards Garth Hill.

Following parched farm tracks through a crop of fast-growing maize, they headed through one of the newly-installed kissing gates and joined a path beside the Cadoxton River, where a footbridge led them back to Casehill meadow and the short trek back to the car park.

More stunning woodland, this time beside the beautiful River Wye, featured in a 10-mile walk led by Nick, who was joined by six walkers at Trellech, where the church of St Nicholas has a huge spire and the 40-foot high Tump Turret dates to Norman times.

They entered woodland north of Beacon Hill before the Wye Valley Walk led them into the lovely Cuckoo Wood and a stop for morning coffee.

Walking above Llandogo village, built into the steep hillside beside the Wye, they passed Cleddon Falls where the waterfall was suffering from the lack of water and journeyed on through the magical Bargain Wood. A steep climb up a bridleway, then through a small wood led to Moo Farm and following narrow lanes they deviated into Kit's Wood, battering their way through the overgrown path into a field and a lunch stop overlooking the 17th century Fountain Inn.

Refreshed, they tramped on through the small village of Trelleck Grange before fields led to a narrow sunken lane and tracks to Hygga, where a short spell of road walking led to Woolpitch Wood and paths beside the Penarth Brook, which powered the ruined Trellech blast furnace, in which iron ore was smelted to make pig iron during the 17th century.

Then on past Harold's Stones, made up of conglomerate rock known as pudding stone and dating back 3,500 years, a cool drink in the Lion Inn set them up nicely for the journey home.

On August 9, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk at North Gower; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On August 10, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 11-mile strenuous walk taking in Fan y Big, Cribyn, Pen y Fan and Corn Du in the central Beacons; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On August 12, meet 8am at Cogan for a 17-mile hard walk taking in Ball Mawr, Twmpa and Hay Bluff in the Black Mountains; contact William on 01446 747239.

On August 14, meet at St Margaret's Church, Roath for the last of the summer evening walks a 3.5-mile easy stroll through four Cardiff parks; contact Val H on 029 2051 3274.

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SPORTS AND DRAMA TO THE FORE AT YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG'S YEAR END

Prize giving

ON Friday, July 11, a prize giving assembly was held to award not only those who have excelled in their studies but also those who have shown impressive progress throughout the year.

Each department awarded prizes to pupils in years 7 to 10. Well done to all those who received an award.

Bwrlwm Bro

ON Wednesday, July 16, the annual Bwrlwm Bro day was held.

This fun event gives teachers the opportunity to show off their hidden talents and for pupils to try out new activities.

The day was a great success and a perfect opportunity for everyone to relax and enjoy the end of term.

Athletics

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who represented the school at the Urdd athletics competition in Leckwith Stadium in July.

Their performances, efforts and behaviour were a credit to the school. The results were: Year-9 boys – third; year-10 girls – third; year-10 Boys – second.

Overall, the school came third based on total points. A great day!

Gemau Cymru

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Bro Morgannwg pupils who recently represented Cardiff and the Vale Schools at the Gemau Cymru competition.

These were the results: Ieuan Orton (13) – high jump – Welsh champion (1.83m); Jac Gould (9) - 300m – second in Wales; Jac Gould (9) – triple jump – third in Wales; Joe Williams (9) – long jump – third in Wales (5.62m); Iestyn Fenn (8) – walking – fifth in Wales; Tomos Jac (8) – pole vault; Rhodri Davies (10) – Pole Vault – second in Wales; Jasper Hawkins (10) – pole vault – third in Wales; Ffion Thomas (10) – triple jump; Dafydd George (12) – 800m.

Congratulations to Rhodri Davies, year-10, who represented Wales for the first time at the SIAB athletics competition at Leckwith Stadium on Saturday, July 19. Rhodri was competing in the pole vault against the best from England, Ireland and Scotland. Rhodri did extremely well, considering he had only returned from a school trip to Barcelona that morning!

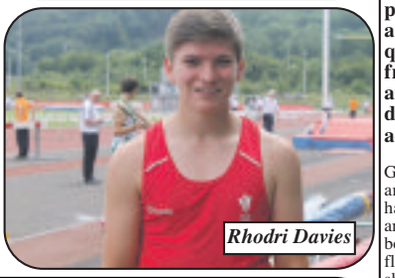
ABOVE: Pupils ready for an end-of-term water fight during Bwrlwm Bro.

Ffion Thomas and Mari Williams

Rhodri Davies and Jasper Hawkins.

Joe Williams

Ieuan Orton



Rhodri Davies

Manicures on Bwrlwm Bro.

The pupils bring Under Milk Wood to life.

Dan y Wenallt

A PERFORMANCE of *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas was held in the school hall.

It was decided to hold the performance in celebration of 100 years since the birth of the famous author. Originally a play for voices, the cast of year 7-9 pupils translated the words into an energy-filled humorous performance with ease.

We hope the evening gave the audience a flavour of the work famous dramatist's work and thank all pupils and teachers for their efforts.

Experts line up for aviation question time

IT is question and answer time at Penarth Aviation Society's next meeting on Friday, August 1, when a panel of experts answers members' questions on flying, from vintage aircraft to the latest developments in aeronautics.

On the panel will be Geoff Jones, journalist and photographer, who has written numerous articles and more than 15 books on aeroplanes and flying (the latest due out shortly) including one about the 70-year history of Rhoose Airport. He also flies his own light aircraft.

John Evans, who worked at the Gloster Aircraft Company, which led the world into the jet age with the first jet in 1941, will also be on the panel. So will Lawrence Ferris, who was apprenticed in 1962 to the Bristol Aeroplane Company, as it then was (now Bristol Aerospace) home of the late lamented Concorde.

With many other experts among the PAS members, and non-experts who simply like flying and aeroplanes, there will as usual be a good mixture of subjects to be discussed. Visitors are welcome to join in.

Penarth Aviation Society meets at the Penarth Conservative Club at 7.45pm for 8pm on the first Friday of each month. Further information from David Ephraim on 01446 721321.

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Debut novel's 10,000 landmark

Ron Powell with Wings over Summer.

BARRY author Ron Powell's debut novel, *Wings Over Summer*, has passed 10,000 sales, many of them – nearly 6,000 - in the United States, while it also has a growing following in Australia and Canada.

It follows the fortunes of a young Spitfire pilot from Barry, Jack Williams, over a two-week period at the height of the Battle of Britain.

Both Wings Over Summer and his first volume of memoir, Shropshire Blue (which has sold nearly 1,500 copies), are available as e-books or paperbacks from Amazon.co.uk.

Peach of a show for 12 young Chinese visitors!

LAST week, 12 Chinese children aged eight to 12, travelled from Zhengzhou, China, to Barry, to train at the prestigious Superstars in the Making Academy.

They watched the academy's UK students perform their Summer Academy performance of *James and the Giant Peach*.

They were also greeted with a special performance from the cfast of *Hairspray*, due to open on August 21 at Barry Memo, as well as a wonderful harp solo from BGT'S Jodi Bird and a stunning performance by Louise Hall, who has recently been awarded a full scholarship to study musical theatre and professional dance at URGANG Academy, London.

On Monday (August 4), the young Chinese students began working at the Memo Arts Centre on a five-day performance academy with our UK coaches, many of whom have travelled to China this year.

They are working with students from the Barry Academy. Academy principal Christian Bullen (age 24) explained: "It is overwhelming to see students from my Chinese academy and Barry academy sharing the enjoyment of singing, dancing and acting in English".

"Both groups of children are taught the same performance work and seeing them performing together after teaching them in different continents is something really special."

Christian Bullen in China.

Christian and his UK team recently came back from a three-week summer school in Nanjing, China where they created another performance of *James and the Giant Peach*. He is due to visit Shanghai, Zhengzhou and Nanjing this October to present an international education seminar in Nanjing.

Superstars in the Making are looking to recruit local graduates of Dance, Voice and Acting to send to China to teach.

Superstars in the Making opened in Barry in 2009 and is very proud to have started in such a vibrant town. For more information please visit *www.superstarsinthemaking.com*.

Reunited by wristbands!

FAMILIES visiting Barry Island are encouraged to keep their children safe by taking advantage of a wristband scheme operated by RNLI lifeguards and HM Coastguards, in partnership with the Barry Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Reuniting lost children with their parents is a common task for lifeguards and PCSOs alike.

PCSO Wayne Chant said: "During the recent spell of warm, sunny weather, there have been reports of up to 15 missing children each day.

"Our partnership, working with RNLI lifeguards and HM Coastguards, has assisted in reuniting the children with their parents or guardians.

"We do refer to these incidents as lost children but, because we have found the child, what we are actually dealing with is missing parents or guardian!

"If the child has a wristband on, we can reunite them fairly quickly".

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Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D838.

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

A model exhibition

BARRY Tourist Railway is holding a big scale model railway exhibition at the Barry Tourist railway this weekend (August 8-9).

Also on show at the Barry Island Station will be the full-size vintage railcar train, and old trains will also be running.

There will be drinks and light snacks available at the 1940s-style cafe.

What's on, and where in your area

Heritage art

LOCAL professional artist, Bath Prize winner and Royal Watercolour Society of Wales member, Peter Cronin, will again be exhibiting at the Heritage Coast Centre, Southerndown from August 16 – 23.

The artist will be in attendance from 10am to 5pm during the week and is known to leisure painters in the Vale due to his evening and day classes at the Old Hall, Cowbridge.

Information on the autumn programme will be available at the exhibition.

This also features recently completed work from a trip to Marrakesh, along with Heritage Coast material.

Funds for Macmillan

THE Ogmore by Sea postmistress, who has already raised a total of £1,600 for Macmillan Cancer Support from the sale of used books, on August 25 is holding a table sale to raise more funds.

She would welcome donations of bric a brac, unwanted saleable items, books for the tables and hopes that many people will attend what promises to be a fun day.

Contact Julie on 01656 880324.

Friendly whist

CALLING all card players – you are invited to a friendly game of whist at Llantwit Major's Llantonian Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

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PDSA store in appeal

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Guardians makes for one of the best Marvel films yet!

For a studio that has redefined the superhero genre, Marvel hasn't been afraid to take chances, either with directors (Edgar Wright's recent departure from *Ant-Man* aside) or actors, but their latest film is likely their biggest risk yet, based on a comic-book title that few would have any knowledge of.

Guardians of the Galaxy tells the story of Peter Quill (Chris Pratt) who, having been abducted from earth at a young age, has carved out a life with a group of thieves and smugglers; when he finds himself the object of a manhunt after stealing an orb coveted by the villainous Ronan (Lee Pace).

Quill is forced into an uneasy alliance with a group including Gamora (Zoe Saldana), a raccoon-like creature called Rocket (voiced by Bradley Cooper), Drax the Destroyer (Dave Bautista), and a tree known as Groot (voiced by Vin Diesel), and, discovering the orb's true power, this group are forced together to defend the galaxy...

Guardians of the Galaxy sticks out like a sore thumb in terms of Marvel Studios' output so far; while their films have stuck to traditional, heroic concepts, *Guardians*... is a completely different beast, dealing with anti-heroes and interstellar adventure, rather than defending the world from terrorists.

It may say something about the post-Avengers world that while the films since that team-up have been successful, they have been lacking a little – but *Guardians*... proves that a change can be as good as a rest, resulting in a film that is witty, irreverent, and, simply, a truly wonderful piece of filmmaking.

Letting a director like James Gunn loose on a big-budget picture could have been a risk, having made his name directing ambitious, but low-budget, films, but he rises to the task here, delivering a film that manages to both amplify his own style but also fit into the overall Marvel universe.

Gun's films so far (the underrated Slither and equally-underrated *Super* as well as his writing work with low-budget horror studio Troma) have taken an idiosyncratic angle towards proceedings, and while Gunn does slightly tone down this element, it isn't at the cost of losing his identity.

Star Wars is a blatant influence on this film, but it wears the influence with a keen eye and with plenty of affection; the laser blasters, spacecraft and general sense of derring-do all hark back to George Lucas's space opera, but the film also manages to replicate the feel of films like *Ghostbusters* and *Back To The Future* – films that were as keen to make you laugh as to make you gasp in amazement.

While not a comedy per se, there are plenty of laughs to be had along with the dramatic thrust of the story, and Gunn and Nicole Perlman's script gets the balance just right, always prepared to undercut moments of great drama with a quip or look, but never underselling the weight of the moment.

It also succeeds in managing to introduce all the characters, bring them together and make it feel realistic; big scenes of exposition may be blatant, but they are delivered very cleverly, using a variety of tools to convey the amount of narrative detail required.

The cast are uniformly excellent, with the hugely-talented Chris Pratt finally making the leap to leading man and delivering a performance that mixes Han Solo and Marty McFly with a healthy dose of Pratt's charisma and likeability, adding up to a wonderful turn.

Zoe Saldana (kickass) and Dave Bautista (wonderfully deadpan) impress greatly, especially the latter, who shows there's more to him than just physicality.

The CGI characters of Groot and Rocket really hold the film together – had they not worked you feel that the film would have floundered, but thanks to some very impressive effects work, and tremendous voice work from Bradley Cooper and Vin Diesel (who does more with three words than you would have thought possible) they end up being the stars of the show.

The villains fare a little less well, Doctor Who's Karen Gillan solid if underused as a bounty hunter, while Lee Pace's Ronan has the brooding and seriousness but is somewhat lacking in depth, a shame as he certainly looks the part.

The only negative that can be mustered about the film is the fact that yet again we see a Marvel film conclude with a battle in the air; that it is staged with no little style and aplomb means that you can forgive this laziest of Marvel staples this time around.

With a sequel already announced for 2017, further adventures of the *Guardians of the Galaxy* will be a most welcome addition to the ever-growing Marvel roster, as this first outing delivers all you would want and more, not just from a Marvel film but also from a summer blockbuster in general.

VERDICT – A satisfyingly irreverent and witty film, matched by wonderful spectacle and ambition, *Guardians of the Galaxy* is the best Marvel film since *Avengers Assemble*.

James Gunn rises to the task of working in a bigger budget world, while the cast across the board are excellent. Leaving you wanting more (and more you will be getting), this is a truly wonderful piece of filmmaking. *Essential viewing*.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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'Pork in the Park' barbecue was a £1,000 success!

HEAVY rain on the evening of Friday, August 1 failed to dampen the spirits of all attending the Rotary Club of Barry's first fundraising event of the new Rotary year – a Pork in the Park barbecue at the Welsh Hawking Centre, Barry, organized by past president Griff and supported by over 100 people.

A flying display, courtesy of Griff and Jamie of the Welsh Hawking Centre, with some audience participation, marked the beginning of a very pleasant evening. This was followed by a sumptuous barbecue of roast pork and jacket potatoes with all the trimmings – cooked to perfection by past president Griff, who served all visitors and guests personally! The event raised £1,000 with live music from the Lost and Found.

Money raised will go to Vale of Glamorgan Riding for the Disabled, for a wheelchair-accessible ramp to enable more children to experience the joy of riding. The organisation is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and relies on voluntary help and donations.

New president Robin Pitcher said he was delighted with the support and the success of this first fundraising event of the year, with special thanks to Griff, his wife Norma and the Hawking Centre staff. He also paid tribute to the 'teamwork' of his fellow Rotarians.

The Welsh Hawking Centre, located on Five Mile Lane is open daily (except Tuesdays).

Facilities include an education centre; children's play area and a shop where visitors can buy souvenirs and soft drinks. Admission is £6 (adults), £4 (children) or a family ticket is £20 (2 adults and 2 children).

The new Rotary year is proving to be very busy for the club. On July 31 they presented a fourth defibrillator, this time to the Memorial Hall in Barry.

On August 13 the club will be at the Vale Show in Fonmon supporting Stroke Awareness by offering free blood pressure tests, along with a stall promoting defibrillators.

Much-needed monthly donations are being taken to the Vale Foodbank; an autumn lunch is to be held in October in the Memorial Hall and plans are already in hand for the annual fireworks fiesta on November 5 at Barry Island which will take place come rain or shine!

The club meets weekly in the Mount Sorrel Hotel on Thursdays (6pm for 6.30pm). Speak to immediate past president Peter Battle on 01446 710204, or look online at www.ribi.org for details.

DIABETES TALK

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group's next meeting is on Tuesday, August 19 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm-9pm.

Dr Richard Chudleigh will speak on 'kidney complications and new treatments in diabetes'.

All welcome.

GEM ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

In Business Update

Yummy food on offer at Fun Foundations Nursery!

LEFT: The Cowbridge day nursery celebrates the nutrition students' seal of approval.

THE food served at Fun Foundations day nursery has been given the thumbs-up for its nutritional quality by final year nutrition students at Cardiff Metropolitan University – Luke Britton and Ellen Sutton.

As part of their studies, the students undertook dietary analysis of the nursery food, to see how it compared to nutritional standards set by the Welsh Government.

Luke said: "We were really impressed by the nutritional quality of the food provided; the range provided was amazing – traditional roast dinners alongside Caribbean lamb, Sticky Ginger chicken and salmon and crème fraiche pasta."

As part of their placement, the students visited the nursery to find out more about the food served. Alison and Sue, the nursery cooks, commented: "We pride ourselves on providing high quality of food. We make as much as we can from scratch, including fairy cakes and our own homemade soups.

"The smell of the food cooking helps encourage even the most reluctant eater to try something new, and by making it ourselves, we know exactly what's in the food the children enjoy."

Amy Theophilus, the nursery manager, remarked: "It's important that our children enjoy eating good food together. As well as its nutritional benefits, we use mealtimes to help develop healthy eating habits. For example, the older children always serve themselves from large central dishes, which is great for developing skills in taking turns and portion control."

Ellen said: "The food served is impressively varied – we counted that in just two weeks, the children enjoyed 26 types of fruit and vegetables of all different types and textures.

"This variety at such a young age is something most families would struggle to provide at home and really lays the foundation for healthy adult eating habits."

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Diamond provides important support services and job opportunities in our local community.

INSPIRED BY LE TOUR?

IF you've been motivated by the riding on this year's Tour de France and the wonderful stages in Yorkshire, now is the time to get out on a bike...

If you've spotted a bargain on the internet, but don't like the thought of putting it together, or have a bike lurking in the shed, then Vale Cycle Servicing are here to help; bike assembly to British Standard, or a basic service start from £30.

VCS will be at the Vale Show again this year so please pop by and say hello.

A regional AM backs RSPCA's 'Stun before Slaughter' campaign

A regional Welsh Assembly member has backed the RSPCA's 'Stun before Slaughter' campaign – calling for all animals to be stunned before they are slaughtered – including when they are being bled as Halal meat.

Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, Byron Davies (right) signed the charity's petition at the Royal Welsh Show.

He was told by officials from the charity that the National Assembly for Wales has the power to change the law in Wales on this, and the petition will be going to the Welsh Government calling for the change to be made.

Mr Davies said: "This is all about ensuring the welfare of animals that are to be slaughtered. I understand that 80 per cent of Halal meat is pre-stunned anyway, without any religious problems, and it is only a minority of imams who insist on the animals being bled without stunning.

"I am afraid that this choice should no longer be available in Wales," he insisted.

"This move is being backed by the British Veterinary Association. I understand that the Welsh Assembly can remove the exemptions to the existing law that stipulates how animals are to be slaughtered.

"These exemptions permit slaughtering without stunning and in my view should be scrapped," Mr Davies added.

Pat (75) has head shaved

AND RAISES £1,260 FOR CHARITY!

FOLLOWING a 'very close shave' with fundraising earlier this year, Bridgend resident Pat Lake presented the Alzheimer's Society with an amazing cheque for over £1,260.

Pat Lake from Llangewydd Road, had her head shaved on Mother's Day at the Riverside Tavern, Bridgend, which was the day before she celebrated her landmark 75th birthday.

It was an emotional challenge for Pat, as her hair had always been her pride and joy, but after seeing an 11-year-old girl on television having her head shaved for charity, it inspired her to take up her own fundraising challenge and then decided to raise funds for Alzheimer's Society and Cancer Research UK.

Pat said: "I was overwhelmed by the generosity that I received from everyone and would like to thank everyone who supported me including my family and friends and the staff at the Riverside Tavern."

Donations kept coming weeks after the event too, as more and more people heard about the fundraising challenge. In total, Pat raised around £2,500 for both charities, after initially expecting only to raise a couple of hundred pounds.

Pat is an inspiration to us all, and we were delighted to work with her to support her throughout this amazing challenge.

As a charity, we rely on the generosity of supporters like Pat to help us continue our vital work, helping make the UK a better place for people affected by dementia through our services, research and campaigning.

If you would like to find out more about fundraising, or volunteering on behalf of Alzheimer's Society, telephone 02920 475579 or 07725 600595.

Alan Drury

Lifeguards busy as school term ends

SOUTH Wales RNLI lifeguards were kept "extremely busy" last week, as thousands flocked to the beach to enjoy the first week of the school summer holidays.

RNLI lifeguards in Swansea, the Vale and along the south Pembrokeshire coastline responded to numerous incidents last week ranging from mass rescues, various major first aid incidents, as well as helping to search for missing children.

Whitmore Bay RNLI lifeguards were alerted to a man who had collapsed on the beach at 5.20pm Thursday evening. The ambulance was called and the lifeguards gave the man oxygen to keep him stable until the paramedics arrived.

The following day, the charity's lifeguards were kept busy assisting people who were swept out to sea in inflatable dinghies in offshore winds.

The charity's top safety tips when visiting the beach this summer are:

1. Swim at a lifeguarded beach between the red and yellow flags;

2. Avoid using inflatables in strong winds or rough seas;

3. Check weather and tide times before you visit the coast.

For more information on how to stay safe on the beach this summer, visit rnli.org.uk/beachsafety or download the RNLI's free beach mobile app.

Flooding prompts improvement works

THE Vale Council says it is undertaking investigations and improvement works along Windsor Road, Penarth, following recent flash flooding.

"Some minor improvements have already been made to reduce the risk of further flooding, and work is ongoing to try to understand the cause before undertaking any additional drainage improvements," a spokesman said.

"The council is also considering further improvement works involving a new kerb drainage system, to discharge surface water more efficiently, and reduce the likelihood of the existing drains becoming obstructed with leaves and debris."

Cwm Talwg gains another award...

KEEP Wales Tidy has awarded the prestigious Green Flag Community Award to 37 community managed green spaces in Wales, including Cwm Talwg Woodlands Residents' Group.

The group has been active for 26 years and has won the award for 11 consecutive years. For more details on the Nature Reserve, see website *www.cwmtalwgwoods.co.uk*. To celebrate the award on Sunday, September 7 at 10.30am coffee, tea, soft drinks and cake will be served in a glade opposite Gwenog Court, Severn Avenue, followed by a short walk around the Nature Reserve, with volunteers who maintain the site.

All are welcome at this free event. Meet at the junction of Severn Avenue and Bramble Avenue around 10.30am.

For more details, contact Anne on 07989 938 923, or e mail ***a.bryan7@ntlworld.com.***

Poll on council merger sparks debate on how it was conducted

LETTERS to The GEM have criticised the methodology of a poll reported in last week's issue (July 31, page 13).

Coun Philip Rapier of Penarth and Mr Dennis Harkus of Barry have pointed out that details of how the poll was conducted were not included.

They also argue that it should have been made clear that the poll was commissioned by Conservative AM Andrew RT Davies' office.

On the latter point, The GEM would argue that the fact Mr Davies was the only person commenting on the poll, heavily implied that, but we are happy to acknowledge that this could have been made clearer. On the former point – the methodology of the poll – this information was supplied by Mr Davies' office in the form of an added footnote, but regrettably it was not included in the final edited version.

The poll was conducted by the organisation 'Polldaddy' and, for the record, here's how the footnote to Andrew RT Davies's press release described the methodology.

It said: "*The 'Polldaddy' poll was open between 9am Thursday, July 24, and 3pm on Friday, July 25, with telephone polling taking place on Thursday evening and Friday morning to residents of Cardiff and the Vale. Repeat polling was blocked by IP address and cookies*".

The article last week reported that there were 608 responses. Not included was the information supplied in the footnote to the press release that 396 were online responses.

A spokesperson for Vale Conservatives said yesterday : *"We recently conducted a poll online and via telephone canvassing, to gauge local views on Labour proposals to merge Cardiff and the Vale councils.*

"Using social media platforms like twitter is a great way to communicate with people of all kinds and the results certainly make interesting reading.

"Hopefully, the Welsh Government will take note of local feeling".

Cyclist Scott's triple reason for marathon ride

A BARRY man has a triple motivation for taking on a 100-mile cycle challenge for charity.

Scott Rogers (38) is lining up for the Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 cycle – to raise vital funds for Diabetes UK, because his wife, Louise (36) has lived with Type 1 diabetes since she was 11 and his father and father-in-law both have Type 2 diabetes.

Scott also works for the Diabetic Retinopathy screening service for Wales, which regularly checks people living with the condition for any signs of potential diabetes-related damage to their eyes. By detecting the condition early, more can be done to repair any damage and delay it getting any worse.

Scott said: "Living with someone who has diabetes and working with people with diabetes, I see the effect that the condition has on people's lives every day and I see how awful and misunderstood diabetes can be.

ABOVE: Scott Rogers training for his 100 mile charity bike ride.

"It is because of this that I would like to try and help raise as much money as possible to help fund care and research to aid people living with diabetes now, and those who will be diagnosed in the future.

The 100-mile road race will see cyclists set off from the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and cross the finishing line at The Mall in central London.

The route takes participants through Surrey and up the notoriously steep Box Hill, part of the 2012 Olympic cycle course, as well as past iconic London landmarks such as the London Eye, Houses of Parliament and Big Ben.

Diabetes UK Cymru's director Dai Williams said: "Cycling 100 miles in one day is a really big challenge and involves a lot of dedication, time and training.

"We are really grateful to Scott for his fundraising efforts and the money raised will help us to get information and support to the 173,000 people who are have diabetes in Wales."

To sponsor Scott visit his online sponsorship page www.virginmoneygiving.com/scottrogers2 or find out more information at www.diabetes.org.uk/Get_involved/Fundraising-events (call the Diabetes UK Cymru office on 029 2066 8276 or email wales@diabetes.org.uk)

WALK TEN FOR HOSPICE

In the picture are: DJ Claire Scott, Caryl Parry Jones, Owain Taylor-Shaw, DJ Kev Johns, Sara Bass.

WALK Ten at Margam Park on August 16 is the perfect excuse to put on your walking shoes, pack a picnic and raise funds for the Marie Curie charity.

It starts at 5:30pm and following the walk you'll enjoy entertainment for the whole family, including live music, fireworks and a hog roast.

Registration is £10 per person (children under-16 go free; on the night adult registration is £20) and everyone is asked to raise as much as possible in support of Marie Curie.

All the funds raised will help Marie Curie provide more care, free of charge, to terminally ill people at the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth and in their own homes.

Walk Ten participants will have exclusive access for an evening stroll through the grounds of Margam Park. The magnificent Margam Castle, orangery with ornamental gardens and deer park are set within 1,000 acres of breath-taking countryside.

Register now at www.mariecurie.org.uk/walkten or for more information call 0845 052 4184.

Vale celebrates five Green Flags

Romilly Park in Barry.

FIVE Vale Council sites have won Green Flags – three more than last year when only Belle Vue Park in Penarth and Victoria Park in Barry achieved the award.

Residents of Penarth, Barry and their surrounds will be delighted now that Alexandra Park and Windsor Gardens in Penarth and Central Park and Romilly Park in Barry have been added to the list.

Learning curve for Lee at British Championships

The British Chess Championships at Aberystwyth finished recently and Barry's representative, Lee Davis, played 11 games in 12 days.

For his final five games, Lee's opponents were all rated above him. In fac,t his opponents' average rating was 2,154, approximately 175 rating points more than Lee.

In theory, he would have been expected to lose all of these matches but he beat John Horton (with a rating of 2,104) in round 7 and then drew with David Graham, (2,155) in round 8.

Lee finished the competition with two wins, three draws and six defeats to earn a score of 3.5 out of 11. This was no mean feat in such a highly rated tournament.

The top 50 players all finished with four or more points to leave Lee in equal 51st place. On tie break, he was eventually ranked 55th.

Meanwhile in the Barry Chess Club, more than half of our registered players continue to turn up to play 'friendly' matches each week.

On occasions, there are also some visiting players such as Sam Jukes from the Pontypridd club and this week Simon Gottshalk turned up. Simon is a player not seen around a chess board for about five years so hopefully he can be induced to turn out again.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

Phil Jones

'Israel will have to make concessions'

I WRITE to condemn the slaughter of over 1,500 innocent civilians in Gaza by Israeli troops.

The Palestinians live in the occupied territories, unable to enter or leave their blockaded country, in breach of numerous UN Resolutions and subject to random deadly attacks by the world's fourth biggest military force.

Your response to a reader's letter last week stressing that lives are being lost on both sides and that both sides share responsibility, illustrates the success of a wealthy slick propaganda machine run by Israel.

The media fall on their knees to show balance, ignoring the brutal truth ... Israel is to blame for the living conditions in Gaza and is to blame for the slaughter.

The sooner Israelis accept that they have to make concessions and accept a two-state solution, the sooner they can be forgiven for their lack of humanity.

It is not without reason that the world is turning against them and their brutality.

Steve Reed, Rhoose.

Who wants to build what, and where?

g2 Energy Renewable Developments Ltd – **The Grange, St Brides super Ely** – Erection of a single wind turbine, with a maximum blade tip height of 77m, along with accompanying access track, crane hardstanding, substation and temporary construction compound.
Mr and Mrs White – **Welford Court Guest House, Port Road, Rhoose** – Demolition of existing two storey guesthouse and single storey extensions, along with demolition of two detached outbuildings. Construction of new detached dwelling with detached garage.
UWC Atlantic College – **St Donats Castle, St Donats** – Corridor window to library to be replaced like for like. Stone surround and metal framed glazing to be replaced while existing latches to be retained.
Mr M and Mrs C Kingston – **20 Sully Terrace, Penarth** – Extensions and alterations to rear.
Openreach – **Treogan Road, Rhoose, Penmark** – Installation of two 8m light poles.
Mr Matthew Moss – **62 Queens Road, Penarth** – Roof alterations including raising of ridge and rear dormer.
Mrs Anna Corden – **Former Vale Garage, The Herberts, St Mary Church** – Retention of new boundary wall.
Mr Peter Gardner – **18 Porth y Green Close, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – Rear single storey extension to create larger kitchen/dining room and living space. Increase sized front porch.
Mrs Sue Scott – **113 Redlands Road, Penarth** – Proposed single storey kitchen extension to rear and new garage to side.
Mr Nick Maydew – **Old Mill Barn, Penllyn** – Two storey extension to provide a garage, two bedrooms and additional living space.
Mr Gary Veale – **6 Cliff Parade, Penarth** – Enlargement of double doors and window to the single storey extension on the south facing elevation. Existing dormer on the east facing elevation to be removed and replaced with a larger flat roof dormer to match the existing flat roof dormers on the north and east facing elevations, all new works to be sympathetic to existing property.
Mr Richard O'Sullivan – **12 Gelyn y Cler, Barry** – Single storey rear kitchen extension.
Mrs Geraldine Rideout – **53 Plas Taliesin, Portway Marina, Penarth** – Proposed single storey kitchen extension, new balcony and windows.
Miss Elizabeth Evans – **9 Fennel Close, Penarth** – Rear dormer loft conversion and single storey side extension.
Mr Ian Nickels – **85 Glebe Street, Penarth** – new shopfront to front and alterations to rear.
Mr Martin Best – **59 Coleridge Avenue, Penarth** – New single storey extension to side and rear.
Mr John Charalambous – **70 John Batchelor Way, Penarth** – Extend existing balcony.
Mr Jonathan Werrett – **Llanfair Primary School, The Herberts, St Mary Church** – Extension and refurbishment of Llanfair Primary School.
Mr Harmesh Singh – **The Admiral, Vere Street, Barry** – Installation of a new shop front.
Persimmon Homes East Wales – **Land at Plasnewydd Farm, Cowbridge Road, Llantwit Major** – Construction of 149 dwellings, informal and formal openspace, new means of vehicular and pedestrian access from Cowbridge Road and associated infrastructure.
Tesco Stores Ltd – **Stirling Road, Barry** – Identifying and directional signage to customer 'click & collect' pick up location within the Tesco store car park.
Mr and Mrs Tom Danter – **24 Whitcliffe Drive, Penarth** – Replacement rear single storey garden room and replacement garage with bedroom above.
BDW Trading Ltd – **West Pond, land at Barry Waterfront, Barry** – Replan of 78 plots (1-15, 45-6 and 65-111) and provision of an additional plot (112) as previously permitted.
Mrs Catherine Richards – **8 Llwyn Passat, Penarth** – Replacing single door and window at the rear of an existing property with a set of bifold doors; enlarging an opening, fitting steel lintels and making good; fitting decking to back garden.
Miss S Pederson – **30 Millfield Drive, Cowbridge** – Proposed extension.
Mr and Mrs Leighton and Rhian Samuel – **Kendal House, Penllyn, Cowbridge** – The erection of three detached dwellings.
Mrs Yvonne Gimber – **5 St Martins Close, Penarth** – Single storey rear extension.
Asbri Planning Ltd – **Walled Garden, Rosedew Farm, Llantwit Major** – Demolition of two existing agricultural buildings, part demolition and reinstatement of end elevation of one agricultural building to accommodate storage area and biomass heating system together with construction of 11 log cabins and associated works.
Mrs Kaye Cheeseman – **97 Andrew Road, Penarth** – Loft conversion including a dormer extension.
Ms Alison Hawker – **Yew Tree Cottage, West Aberthaw** – Construction of new cat kennel house.
Mr and Mrs Richards – **18 Victoria Road, Penarth** – The demolition of existing lean to extension and the construction of a new flat roofed extension to the rear of the property.
Vale of Glamorgan Council – **Ysgol Dewi Sant, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major** – Removal of existing demountable classroom units and creation of new primary school building with associated playground, lighting, sprinkler tank and landscaping.
Mr Chris Dando – **74 Murch Road, Dinas Powys** – Construction of two, three bedroom detached dwellings with parking, on the site of the existing dwelling which is to be demolished.
Mr Craig and Mrs Natalie O'Shea – **51 Porth y Castell, Barry** – Remove verandah, reconstruct with sun lounge to lower ground floor, new two storey extension, form rooms in roof, new second floor dormer and velux rooflights. Extend off street car parking, take down existing side porch and form new steps.
Glyn Watts Jones – **Development plot facing the road, west of Primrose Cottage, Penllyn** – Construction of one detached three bed dwelling and garage west of Primrose Cottage.
Rene Jehu – **Land off Redwood Close, Boverton** – Approval of landscaping of the development.
Mrs Joan Thomas – **Pancross House, Llancarfan** – Construction of conservatory on existing raised patio.
Mrs Sian Cornwell Shaw – **Western Shelter, Paget Road, Barry** – Replacement of roller shutters, nine shutters in front of building (south elevation), nine shutters in rear of building (north elevation) and two shutters in sides of building (east and west elevations).
Mr Brian Williams – **Plemont, Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys** – Proposed loft conversion to include new gable and new roof to rear extension.
David Wilson Homes – **Former Emporium Garden Centre, Fferm Goch, Llangan** – Installation of LPG storage tanks to serve residential development.
Mr John Farrier – **26 Heol y Dryw, Rhoose Point** – Balcony to first floor window, Juliet balcony to second floor window.
Mr Tanner – **Little Brynhill Farm, Little Brynhill Lane, Barry** – Edwardian gabled roof conservatory to the rear of the dwelling.
Mr Graham Hawkins – **Building W2308, Dow Corning Ltd, Cardiff Road, Barry** – Proposed amenity block to provide welfare facilities at existing site.
Mr Andrew Lester – **7 Rutland Close, Barry** – Erection of single storey side extension, containing utility room, study and relocated kitchen. Conversion of existing kitchen to dining room.
Stavrakis Consultants – **Former mortuary building, Hayes Point, Hayes Road, Sully** – Conversion and extension of former mortuary building to residential bungalow.
Mr and Mrs I Hougham – **Plot 1, Mill Lay Lane, Llantwit Major** – Proposed new dwelling on land adjacent to Ham Lodge, Llantwit Major.
Mr and Mrs S Barnett – **Plot 2, Mill Lay Lane, Llantwit Major** – Proposed new dwelling on land adjacent to Ham Lane, Llantwit Major.
Tesco Stores Limited – **Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff** – Extension to existing retail store to form new garden centre with ancillary cafe and play area (A1 use) in addition to new restaurant (A3 use) with outdoor seating area and internal reconfiguration and reduction in floorspace of existing store to incorporate D1/D2 uses with associated adjustment/reduction to car parking, additional servicing arrangements, new covered walkway, relocated ATM and trolley storage and ancillary works.
Mr Mark Swift – **29 Barons Close, Llantwit Major** – Repairs to boundary wall and level to consistent height for length of wall, replacing rotten wood with breeze block (retrospective).
Rhys Howell – **4 Colcot Road, Barry** – Demolish small single storey extension, new single storey garage and associated room to side and rear of property.
Mr Vince Driscoll – **Sunnycroft Farm, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys** – Change of use of dwelling to a mixed use as a dwelling and as a dog boarding kennel.
Mr Peter Harding – **46 South Road, Sully** – Convert existing garage to incorporate into main dwelling and replace roof over existing extension.
Mr Graham Cartwright – **The Croft, Llanmaes** – To reinstate height of wall in one section to match remainder and erect fence inboard of wall in another section around perimeter of garden.
Mr Graeme Yorston – **The Paddock, Hensol** – Small extension to the existing covered barn.
Messrs G E S and S Watkins – **Boverton Post Office and Village Shop, Boverton Road, Boverton** – Replacement of fascia sign and white vinyl signs on main display window.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00587/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Replacement of first floor windows with box sash double glazed units
Location:/Lleoliad: 59, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00670/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construct a frameless glass entrance lobby on front elevation.
Location:/Lleoliad: The Market Place Restaurant, 66, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00864/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Retention of garage
Location:/Lleoliad: 79, Plymouth Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00876/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Internal and external alterations, demolition of existing garage and construction of proposed garage
Location:/Lleoliad: 18, Clive Place, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00673/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construct a single storey flat green roof conference and wedding venue with associated bar within the inner courtyard of Hensol Castle and to reposition the lift providing access to the bedrooms at the first and second floors
Location:/Lleoliad: Hensol Castle, Hensol Castle Park, Hensol
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade I

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00870/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Conversion of redundant barns to provide four residential units
Location:/Lleoliad: Barns at West Aberthaw Farm, Aberthaw
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00877/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Listed building consent for the erection of one fascia sign and one hanging sign at the front elevation of the premises.
Location:/Lleoliad: Peter Alan Ltd, 3-5, Windsor Road, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00860/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Conversion and extension of former mortuary building to residential bungalow
Location:/Lleoliad: Former Mortuary building, Hayes Point, Hayes Road, Sully
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Sully Hospital, Grade II*

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00798/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: 6MW solar PV array
Location:/Lleoliad: Land east of Five Mile Lane

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00831/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of 149 dwellings, informal and formal openspace, new means of vehicular and pedestrian access from Cowbridge Road and associated infastructure
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Plasnewydd Farm, Cowbridge Road, Llantwit Major

May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00831/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of 149 dwellings, informal and formal openspace, new means of vehicular and pedestrian access from Cowbridge Road and associated infastructure
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Plasnewydd Farm, Cowbridge Road, Llantwit Major

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2014/00831/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of 149 dwellings, informal and formal openspace, new means of vehicular and pedestrian access from Cowbridge Road and associated infastructure
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Plasnewydd Farm, Cowbridge Road, Llantwit Major
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FONMON CASTLE SETS SCENE FOR UNION'S SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Lily Laesser, Sir Brooke Boothby, Anne Morgan, Derek Morgan and Mary Morgan.

FONMON CASTLE came up trumps once again as the south Wales branch of the English – Speaking Union celebrated another successful year at their summer garden party.

The manicured lawns and balmy evening set the scene as the Ogmore Vale Silver Band provided musical entertainment, with the band's additional junior section evidently enjoying the occasion.

Branch vice-chairman, Lady Inkin, and the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, David Jenkins, were spoiled for choice in choosing the 'Best Dressed Lady and Gentleman', with Kay Powell and Graeme Morgan emerging victorious.

Around 100 branch members again feasted on scrumptious fare served by Beppe Villa and his team from the Really Fresh Food Company and the

Tombola manned by members of Bridgend Soroptimist International proved to be a sell out success.

Members are now looking forward to the next literary lunch on September 25, when Lord Strathcarron is speaking on Mark Twain's journey through India.

Contact branch chairman, Derek Morgan, for further information, on 01656 669129; or email dwcaym@googlemail.com.

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TED WAS PRISONER OF WAR, BUT HE CONSIDERED HIMSELF LUCKY!

Here, Mr Brian Rich tells the story of how his father, Ted Rich, served with the Welch Regiment, was captured, and later returned to Barry.

Commemorating the centenary of the First World War
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

WHEN my mother died, I came across about 12 pieces of paper, including a card my father had when he was a World War One prisoner regarding parcels, the details for his Army sign-on, and letters to Battalion HQ in Shrewsbury and Carmarthen.

I had some information from the internet regarding Dulmen Camp and the different nationalities of the inmates.

I remember him saying that the guards in the last month used to take them out in groups to the local cinema.

My father was born in Nether Stowey, Somerset in 1896.

At the age of 18 he and his mother came over to Barry to live, and they resided at 23 Hunter Street.

Aged 19, he enlisted on December 8, 1915 at the Drill Hall which was under the command of Colonel JA Hughes, into the 9th Service Battalion of the Welch Regiment and given the number 202105.

He was at that time employed by the Barry Railway as a shunter.

As the war drew on, men had to be replaced and then the reserve battalions were called into action.

My father found himself in a trench at the start, as the Germans gave their last big push.

The Allies' front line retreated through Beugny which was held by the 9th Welch.

The Wilts and Royal Welch Fusiliers were able to withdraw. This action saw 32 killed, including nine officers, and an unknown number were taken prisoner and wounded, all in eight hours.

He found himself at Dulmen prisoner of war camp near Essen, and was made to work down the coal mines.

The Germans failed in their last big push and even the guards at the camp knew that the war was coming to an end, so they took things easy with their prisoners.

One day he received a card from the Prisoner of War Clothing Committee (Welch Regiment) informing him that four parcels were on their way to him.

They contained a greatcoat, cardigan, suit, cap, vests, drawers, boots, towels, hankie, kitbag, socks, braces, shirts, gloves, and canvas shoes.

The Armistice was signed in November and so the task of getting troops back home was a priority, and this also included the prisoners of war.

Mr Ted Rich on his wedding day in 1922 with wife Millie, friends, and family. The picture was taken in Hunter Street, Barry.

My father arrived back in Barry on December 1, 1919, and applied for demobilisation and to take up his job with the Barry Railway again.

His mother was informed his last payment from the Army would be February 1919.

My father spoke little about his time as a prisoner of war but did say he was lucky, and was not gassed like some poor lads.

He did bring back a souvenir: it was a brass artillery shell which my mother cleaned with Brasso for years and was placed in the fireplace with a poker and tongs.

I have all the paperwork about my father and also the brass shell. Many years later, I took a look at the bottom of it. It is a German shell made in Dusseldorf in April 1915, roughly three years before my father was a prisoner. At one time my father was secretary to the British Legion in Lombard Street, and stage manager at the Memorial Hall in Barry during World War Two. He died in 1963.

Mr Brian Rich with the German artillery shell.

The shell bottom, close-up.

'He had to live, had to get out of here before he too was killed...'

THE WELSH DIVISION BEGINS ITS ATTACK ON MAMETZ WOOD!

*IN this extract from his novel 'The Dead of Mametz', **JONATHAN HICKS** describes the scene as the 38th Welsh Division begin their attack on Mametz Wood, as part of the Battle of the Somme in July 1916.*

JULY 7, 1916

THE night passed and at last, streaks of yellow began to slash the sky behind the wood and the trees that had survived the carnage became more focused silhouettes against the dawn sky.

Gradually, the streaks opened like a huge demonic mouth and burned red and gold, setting the wood ablaze with colour. When the sun rose fully Bratton ventured a peep over the top of the trench, shocked at the view.

The previous day's scene had changed. Where the valley had once been green grass, now lay a blasted wasteland. Where the trees had stood vibrant, there now stood hundreds of stumps of blackened wood.

He wondered how anyone could survive hell of such intensity and a wave of pity overcame him as he pictured the reverse scenario and could only imagine the horror of viewing the remains of German bodies that would confront him and his pals when they walked across the valley and entered the wood.

The shellfire still continued but he was not willing to risk a sniper's bullet for much longer and dropped down into the trench to make

A few minutes later, he stood in line and was issued with his rum ration. The fiery liquid burned his throat but washed through his veins with the feeling of hot bath water and he felt its immediate potent effect.

He watched as the others stood nervously by, fiddling with straps and fidgeting with rifles, each man preparing himself mentally in his own way.

At 8.15am, Major John Lee jabbed angrily at the cradle rest for the telephone which hung lifelessly in his hands. The barrage was going well and the wood was being torn to shreds, but there was still no sign of the smokescreen designed to be laid down in front of his men to hide them from the few Germans still alive in the wood.

At 8.30am, the artillery barrage stopped and the order came to 'Stand To' and Bratton and his fellow soldiers stood on the fire step of the trench. His heart beat furiously and his palms oozed sweat onto the stock of his rifle as they waited in silence for the order to go over the top.

Someone cracked a joke further along the trench and was rewarded with a ripple of nervous laughter.

At 8.30am, whistles blew and orders were yelled out. Bratton climbed the wooden ladder to the top of the parapet and levered himself out of the trench. To his left and right hundreds of men did the same and he was filled with a surge of euphoria as the intensity of the moment hit him.

The great mass of khaki streamed forward. This was it, the end of the war. On to Berlin! The Boche were all dead and he would soon be standing in the green fields beyond. A couple of weeks and he'd be back home in the pub telling stories of this great day to the accompaniment of beer and approval.

Then it started. An insect-like chatter began to his right and all around him men began to fall. A machine gun!

He tried to think. There would be no way into the wood today. He had to live, had to get out of here before he too was killed. This was supposed to be so easy, so straightforward. The barrage had cleared the way and he would enter the wood and retrieve the package. But it was all turning into a nightmare and fear started to take over his mind.

He slapped his face with his hand. *Right, if I lie here I'm going to die, so let's get the hell out of here*, he decided and lifted his head. To his left was a shell hole. If he could make it there he might have a chance. At least he'd be away from this machine gun fire. So he sprang to his feet and began to run.

A Vale author's illustrated guide to the First World War

by BRIAN LEE

ONE of the first titles in an exciting new series of short, accessibile guides is An Illustrated Introduction to The First World War (Amberley Publishing £9.99) by Vale author, Phil Carradice.

One of the most profound events in human history, the First World War marks its 100th anniversary this year.

People across the world commemorate the fighting and mourn the countless losses every year, eager to ensure that no such tragedy befalls humanity again.

This well illustrated guide with informative text and fascinating images covers more than the basics and is designed for today's hectic society.

Phil Carradice has had more than 40 books published on a wide variety of historical topics. He is a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio 3 and 4 and on TV programmes such as The One Show.

He also presents The Past Master on BBC Radio Wales.

This fascinating little book should be required reading in all schools.

'My Father was a Soldier'

THIS poem was written by Dennis Joseph Hellyar of Tynewydd Road, Barry, in honour of his father Howard Hellyar, who served in the First World War.

My father was a soldier,
Howard was his name;
He told me of the First World War,
Its bitterness and shame.

He told me of the battles,
That they won along the way;
To give all men the freedom;
That we all hold dear today.

For many men had lost their lives,
Some in the noonday sun;
That was the price they had to pay,
Bowled over by a gun.

He told me of the sadness,
That they met along the way;
On the road to Flanders,
Where the poppies grow today.

They grow there in remembrance,
Of the days not long ago;
In pools of red,
Our boys lay dead,
I wasn't here to know.

They gave their lives,
To free all men,
From tyranny and strife,
To pave the way for freedom
and to form a better life.

My father said to me that day,
Remember my dear son,
Give thanks to God,
We won the day,
And kept them on the run.

And from that day I say a prayer,
To our Maker up above;
To cradle those who gave their all,
With His eternal love.

Commemorating the centenary of the First World War
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

SCHOOL HONOURS 53 FORMER PUPILS WHO FELL IN GREAT WAR

Aaron and Gethin collect the WHSI prize.

The World War One memorial garden.

7EZ pay respect to the 53 ex-pupils by making their own poppy wreath.

WW1 memorial garden

BARRY Comprehensive School has won a prize in the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative annual competition for the second year in a row.

The aim of the initiative is to encourage pupils across Wales to take a greater interest in their heritage, and invites all schools in Wales to enter heritage projects in a nationwide competition.

The project requires research, collection of materials, analysis and evaluation, and communication skills. All schools entering the competition are visited by judges who assess the project, taking into account the appropriate level of literacy, numeracy and ICT skills.

Barry Comprehensive was represented by a group of year-10 pupils – Aaron Bollingham, Rhys Evans, Joe Heppenstall, Taylor Hinchly, John McAllister and Gethin Stuckey.

The group decided to link their project to the centenary of the First World War by commemorating the ex-pupils of our school who were killed during the conflict.

The main aspect of the project was the memorial garden that the boys designed and helped to build.

The boys created 53 poppies to hang from the tree above the garden to represent every one of the ex-pupils who died; each being engraved with the name of one of the ex-pupils.

The memorial garden is now to be used during whole-school events marking the centenary, as well as every November from now on, for Remembrance Day.

The boys also worked extremely hard throughout their investigation into the context of the Great War and the significance of Remembrance.

This also included researching the family history of three of the ex-pupils and creating a wall display celebrating their lives before the war.

Additionally, the group delivered a lesson to a year-7 class, emphasizing the messages that they had learned themselves in order to encourage other boys to participate in the upcoming commemoration events.

The WHSI awards ceremony took place in the Caerleon campus of the University of South Wales on July 7 and prizes were awarded for the best projects in each category: infant, primary, secondary and special schools.

These were presented by the sponsors who donated them – Aaron and Gethin collected our prize from the Association of History Teachers in Wales, on behalf of the school.

The history department is extremely proud of what the boys have achieved and commends them for the effort that they have put into the project throughout the year. Well done! **AC**

Dear my love...

This moving letter from the trenches by a mythical World War One soldier was in fact written by a 12-year-old pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive as part of her school project on the war.

I can't really describe
what it's like to be here,
Missing your sweet
face for the last half a
year.
Every gunshot makes
my heart skip a beat,
I've lost ability to cry
and I can't feel my feet.
How can I continue
to live such a lie,
pretending it's okay
when I see more ash
than the sky?
My fellow men keep
dropping to the floor,
I've carried a
hundred corpses, I can
stand it no more.
I don't want this any
longer and alas, I pray,
that I can see your
face one very soon day.
And if I don't make it
back from this hell,
make sure, my dear,
that life treats you well.

Victoria Patuto

£20 coin marks the Great War

THROUGHOUT 2014, The Royal Mint is marking 100 since the outbreak of the First World War.

To reflect on the bravery of those who answered the call, the 1,000 year-old organisation has produced a £20 coin – only the second United Kingdom £20 coin ever to be struck – as a timeless reminder for collectors to treasure.

The design depicts Britannia watching over the first troops leaving for France at the start of the war in 1944. Created by renowned sculptor John Bergdahl, the coin's design captures the essence of the art deco style prevalent at the time, yet incorporates a contemporary twist.

Major milestones in 2014

NATIONAL and local World War One commemorations commenced this week, marking the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of what become known as the Great War.

On Monday August 4, Merchant Navy Association Barry branch members met at the Anchor Memorial for a wreath laying and dedication.

Barry branch members and guests then met at the MN monument outside the Vale of Glamorgan Council offices for a branch wreath laying and dedication; following this, they gathered at the Hall of Memory in the Barry Memorial Hall, where a plaque commemorating the Mercantile Marine losses duringWorld War One was dedicated.

A presentation was also made at the National Eisteddfordd on August 4 at Llanelli, regarding the Mercantile Marine, Barry and World War One, this was produced and presented by the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services.

'It could not have been achieved without them!'

THE years 2014 – 2018 will see commemorations for and tributes to the fallen of the Great War. The then British Mercantile Marine, against great odds and huge losses of both ships and seamen, ensured that the materials of war, armed personnel and provisions that kept Britain from starving and falling were transported.

In wartime, Britain depended on civilian cargo ships to import food and raw materials, as well as transport soldiers overseas, and keep them supplied. The title 'Merchant Navy' was granted by King George V after the First World War to recognise the contribution made by merchant sailors.

During the year of the convoy (2013) Merchant Navy veterans and relatives of the many lost wished to further raise public awareness of both the commitment and the sacrifice of merchant seafarers during war and conflict.

Those who served in the 'Fourth Service' (MN) during both world wars, felt merchant seafarers had been largely unacknowledged and certainly undervalued for far too many years, especially the Arctic Merchant Navy veterans.

During conflicts to date, the British Merchant Navy were called upon in times of need to aid a nation's call. Last year commemorated men associated, many of whom have no known grave but the sea.

Tribute was paid both nationally and locally and long awaited news of veterans being allowed to receive and wear new awards was announced by the Government. A new Merchant Navy medal is now also part of the honours list.

Even today, 95 per cent of everything you see in the shops arrives by sea in ships and in all weathers, every day and port facilities are being expanded, with new and deeper berths for ever larger ships.

'Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten'.

MERCHANT Navy Day which is on September 3 every year, will further remember the *SS Athenia* the first merchant ship lost in World War Two.

The *Athenia* was a British passenger liner, sunk by German submarine U-30 south of Rockall Bank. 1,300 survived, 112 lives lost. No warning was given in spite of the fact that it was only a few hours after the outbreak of war.

J T Greenway

Cadets are perfect hosts at Squadron's Dining Night

Sergeant Jake Paterson receiving the NCO of the Year trophy from Mr Glyn Cheshire.

Sergeant Paterson being promoted by Wing Commander Ken Pudney.

RECENTLY, 372 (Barry) Squadron, Air Training Corps held their Dining In Night at *HMS Cambria* when over 80 officers, instructors, cadets and ex-cadets entertained guests.

These included Wing Commander Ken Pudney (Officer Commanding No 1 Welsh Wing), Glyn Cheshire (Deputy Officer Commanding MoD St Athan), Doug Provis (a founder cadet of 372 Squadron in 1941) and Squadron Leader Roger Beech (No 1 Welsh Wing Sports Officer).

'Mr Vice' on the night was Cadet Lachlan Davies, the newest cadet on the Squadron. Lachlan assisted the Commanding Officer with the smooth running of the evening.

After dinner, Wing Commander Pudney gave an entertaining speech and presented the annual NCO of the year trophy to Corporal Jake Paterson; for his hard work and dedication during the last year.

The cadets thoroughly enjoyed the annual dining in night, learning about the traditions upheld within the Royal Air Force.

Cadet Rhys Lewis said: "At first I was really nervous about the evening and all the traditions we had to remember. It was great fun and I can't wait until next year's dining in night".

The Cadets are now looking forward to an action packed and challenging training programme including flying, gliding, shooting, archery, sport, hill craft, Duke of Edinburgh and leadership training in what promises to be another busy and exciting year ahead.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm – 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall) or you can contact the Squadron on 01446 747734, email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org.

PACT meetings

CASTLELAND – Local officers will be holding a surgery at Morrisons Supermarket, Barry, on Thursday, August 7 between 10am and 12 noon.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, The Residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise on Tuesday, August 12 at 10.30am,

A Coffee & Chat meeting will be held at The Red Fox, Penllyn, on Wednesday, August 20 at 11am.

COFFEE & Chat meeting, The Blue Anchor – East Aberthaw, on Thursday, August 28 at 11am.

MP 'disgusted' by dumped rubbish

Local MP Alun Cairns this week called on the Vale Council to act against fly tipping near Wenvoe Quarry, which is "posing a threat to animals, children and the environment".

Mr Cairns met residents, including members of Parry Stables, to discuss the issue.

"Rubbish dumped outside the quarry has become such a problem that children can no longer ride their horses safely in the countryside, local people are unable to walk their dogs and rats now have a permanent presence," he said.

"I was disgusted to see the amount of rubbish that has been created by fly tippers. It has now got to a stage where Wenvoe residents can't enjoy their own countryside. This is absolutely unacceptable.

"The presence of commercial rubbish showed possible signs of asbestos and even knives were littered across the road. This is not the message we should be sending to the young people who use the area.

"I have written to the council calling for action, and I urge them to take immediate steps. The rubbish must be cleared up promptly and those responsible need to be punished," he added.

Another community event sponsored by

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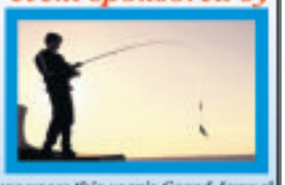

The Vale's favourite newspaper announces this year's Grand Annual

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Dinas Powys Rotarians meet the BHF

IT was another excellent evening for the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys at The Huntsman Restaurant with an informative talk from Catherine Campbell, community fundraising manager at the British Heart Foundation charity.

The photograph shows club president Colin Jones receiving information booklets from Catherine Campbell and Jayne Rookes of the BHF.

It is spending 75 per cent of its income each year on research.

Members heard of its work amongst those suffering from coronary disease.

We heard of the BHF education work with attractive publications for all ages in schools, visits and projects that are helping to raise awareness of the need for a healthy lifestyle and the dangers of obesity.

Not forgetting, of course, the amazing numbers of BHF nurses providing specialist clinical help and skills.

Catherine and Jayne were also able to speak from their own experiences of cardiac surgery. A vote of thanks was given by Martyn Williams. **TS**

UPGRADE FOR A PLAY AREA

THE Vale Council has announced that work will start early next year to refurbish facilities at the Paget Road play area, Penarth.

It will see the upgrade of the existing play area and a range of new facilities added, including fitness equipment, a multi-sport court and a skate area – to "provide a modern, high quality play environment in a safe and controlled setting".

FORMER CHAIR AND CURRENT COUNCIL LEADER AGREE –

'A merger with Cardiff not in Vale's interests'

A former Tory cabinet member has claimed the Vale Council won't publicly declare its position on the possibility of it being merged with Cardiff because it doesn't want to have "a fall-out" with the Welsh Government.

Coun Anthony Ernest, who represented Penarth on the Vale Council for over 30 years and is a former chairman of the authority, stated that no conceivable benefits could come about as a result of a merger with Cardiff.

But in response to the 'fall-out' claim the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, insisted he had already gone on the record with his "strong view" that the Vale should remain independent.

Coun Ernest told The GEM a merger of the Vale and Cardiff councils just wouldn't work.

"It would simply take us back to the days of South Glamorgan, which was totally dominated by the city, and resulted in minimal spend in the Vale, especially the rural areas, while the larger towns received little of merit that anyone can recall.

"It seems that the Vale is just dithering over this issue, yet the latest Welsh Government 'consultation' calls for comments on a single proposal of merging the Vale with Cardiff to be received within a matter of weeks.

"No alternative options are shown in the Government's paper, yet it is obvious to most people that there is huge opposition to the proposal from residents living in the Vale, who in a referendum some years ago overwhelmingly voted to stay put as 'the Vale of Glamorgan'."

Coun Ernest said there were other reasons why a merger wasn't in the Vale's interests.

"If you compare Cardiff's record of educational achievement, it is much lower than that of the Vale which has several schools rated in the highest band, while Cardiff has performed poorly.

"The Vale has an excellent record in the provision of waste management and recycling, which consistently receives praise from residents, while Cardiff considers monthly collections of black bags and a lesser recycling provision.

"The Vale has some excellent libraries, which are very popular, while Cardiff is looking to close some down, along with with some community centres. However, leisure and sports provision in the Vale continues to draw a high participation level amongst residents."

Coun Ernest also pointed out that should the merger go ahead, the Vale would no longer have a mayor, and the Civic Offices and town hall in Barry could be sold off by a new greater Cardiff council who wouldn't need offices in the Vale.

He said: "Quite how the proposed council of some 500,00 plus residents would improve services has not, of course, been stated by Labour in Cardiff Bay.

"Maybe this is why the leadership in the Vale of Glamorgan is desperately trying to avoid a fall-out with its political masters in the Assembly, as they too believe the proposal from the Williams' Report is just an excuse for a land grab to help solve Cardiff's unmet housing needs."

"MERGER OPPOSED"

However, Coun Neil Moore said he had made it plain that in his opinion a merger would not be in the interests of the Vale – and a council meeting had underlined the point:

"A resolution was received at a full council meeting in March, opposing the recommendations of the Williams' Commission and any potential merger with Cardiff Council," he pointed out.

"It was supported by all political groups, with one member of the independent group wishing to merge with Cardiff.

"The Vale Council has an exemplary record, as is proven by recent auditor reports.

"As Leader of the Council, I have gone on record in the press, and on television and radio with my strong view that the Vale should stay as an independent authority, and my belief that any merger with Cardiff would be to the detriment of the county and its residents," he reiterated."

Stonemason shows skills

STONEMASON Robert Tinsley (23) of Barry demonstrated his skills at Neath Abbey, as part of the Abbey 'hands-on' medieval open day.

He is involved in restoration work at the Abbey and other historical sites around Wales and for the open day carved the family crest of Richard de Granville, founder of Neath Abbey in 1130.

Robert served his apprenticeship with a local Barry company and attended Bath College, before going to Sydney, Australia, for two years – where he was involved in historical buildings restoration.

He returned home to Wales this year to take up his present post with Cadw.

LEFT: Stonemason Robert Tinsley shows off his skills at the medieval open day.

Pier is public's No 1

PENARTH PIER has been voted Wales' official Special Place – in a national competition that saw the Welsh public debate and back places that mean the most to them.

For eight weeks, celebrities, AMs, schoolchildren and the public have been involved in a national conversation that has seen them voting in their thousands for their Special Place in Wales – as part of a major campaign by the National Trust Wales to find Wales' most treasured landmark.

The pier fought off stiff competition from nine other outstanding locations across north and south Wales, including Cyfarthfa Castle and the Lonely Tree which came in second and third respectively.

The result was announced at the National Eisteddfod in Llanelli and the top five were: 1) Penarth Pier; 2) Cyfarthfa Castle; 3) The Lonely Tree; 4) Mwnt; 5) The Gower.

Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13, 2014 • FONMON CASTLE

Vale Show a vital present-day link with county's proud past

by Vale Show President **MARTYN POPHAM**

THIS year, the Vale of Glamorgan Show is being held on Wednesday, August 13 at Fonmon, and it has many new and interesting exhibits.

Due to popular demand, there are many more items demonstrating and explaining where our food comes from.

This is important, because the county of Glamorganshire has a great agricultural history and has been renowned for centuries for its ability to produce good food.

Please ensure you visit the Vale Farmers' Market Food Court, where you can sample some of the food produced locally.

For those looking for some thrills, keep an eye on the main ring with displays ranging from motorcycles to the hunt scurry!

Be sure to wander around all areas of the show and you will see for yourself the very high standard of exhibits from the horticultural section, for example – and if you need a little momento of the day, where better to look than the craft marquee?

If your interest is in equine, or in the many breeds of dog represented, there is something for everyone.

The Vale of Glamorgan Show is all about having a great day out, which is made possible by a group of very hardworking volunteers led by David Harris (the Show Director) and Nicola Gibson (General Secretary).

Nicola is handing over the reins this year, after 16 years of working tirelessly and, for much of the time unseen.

I thank Nicola for the excellent work she has done and welcome Sarah Fenner, who takes over.

Please come along and support this year's show and help us to make this a record year and a fitting tribute to Nicola's term in office.

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See live milking demonstrations and calf feeding. Kids (*and big kids!*) can have a go at milking Milky the Marvellous Wooden Cow.

Take a felfie (farm selfie) with Milky, or the cows, to remind you of the day; or have a go at the Milk Challenge and win a prize!

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THIS year, the show jumping at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show is going to be another classic – with top show jumpers from across Wales and England.

Classes start with the British Novice and go up to the National 1.40m open with £1,500 prize money. The fast and furious speed class will follow at around 4pm in the show jumping ring, which is always a very exciting class to watch.

Classes will start at 8.45am, and will go into the late afternoon, followed by a two-fence challenge in the main ring at 5pm.

It reached a massive height of 1.80m last year – how high will it get this year?

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Unrivalled show promises wonderful family day out!

Ray Thomas, Show chairman, and family.

by the Chairman, **RAY THOMAS**

AS Chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Show, I have pleasure in endorsing a great family day out.

The show is the oldest, unrivalled outdoor event in the Vale with traditional features – cattle and sheep rings, horse and pony competitions, including show jumping.

This year, we have the added attraction of a poultry show. There is also the revamped horticulture tent with the usual flower, vegetable and children's competitions plus a giant vegetable display.

The KC Registered dog show is the largest in south Wales, with hundreds of dogs on show.

New this year is the Farmers' Market Food Court, where you will be able to see and purchase local produce.

Not to be missed are the Birket LGA shopping mall, Cardiff Airport home produce marquee, craft fair, and the many varied trade stands.

The Grand Parade of livestock and horses in the main ring will be followed this year by Jason Smyth Adrenaline Tour Stunt Display.

Welcome to Nathaniel Cars, who are the show sponsors, and we look forward to working with them for many years to come.

We hope to see you at this prestigious event in Fonmon Castle grounds on Wednesday, August 13.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW

Wednesday 13th August 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

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SCHEDULE

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 3
Wednesday 13th August 2014	**1/Vale of Glamorgan Showground Main Access at Fonmon Castle grounds.** No right turn from the main field access/exit at grid 303747 167876 onto the B4265, this will allow only the left turn movement of vehicles from the access / exit onto the B4265. **Diversion** The diversion for West bound vehicles will be in a generally easterly direction along the B4265 to the roundabout at Penmark, then "U Turning" at this roundabout and travelling back along the B4265	6.00 am to 8.00 pm
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Show success that stretches back to 1772!

SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO by NICOLA GIBSON, GENERAL SECRETARY

FEW outdoor events in the Vale of Glamorgan this summer will rival the thrills and excitement on offer at the Vale of Glamorgan Show on Wednesday, August 13.

Established in 1772 and based at Fonmon Castle since 1998, this large county show attracts hundreds of trade stands, spectators and exhibitors from all over Britain.

The Vale Show attracts a diverse audience not only from the local farming and equestrian communities, but also creative people with interests in crafts, food, horticulture and more.

Visitors numbers now regularly reach over 20,000 each year, car parking is free and the Vale Council supports the event by running buses from all over the Vale to the show.

There is so much to see and do at the show this year it will be hard to fit everything into one day.

We are delighted to have Nathaniel Cars of Bridgend as our main event sponsor this year, we would like to extend our thanks to Wayne Griffiths of Nathaniel/Mitsubishi, plus all the many other businesses and people who support the Vale Show.

Many new events are planned this year, the Poultry Show promises to be one of the most spectacular. We are hoping for many unusual chicken breeds to be shown.

The popular Horticultural Marquee has been reorganised by Phil Vowles and his daughter Gail to include a 'land of the giants' section, featuring a fantastic selection of giant vegetables plus many other colourful floral displays and competitions.

Top row, left to right: Guy Clarke, David James, Andy Banks, Hywel Evans, Callum Griffiths, James Gibson, Paul Llewellyn, Kate McNaughton, John Lougher, David Powell, Gwyn Thomas Middle row, left to right: Roger Thomas, Martyn Popham, Peter Pask, Pat Pask, Phillip Vowles, Martyn Edwards, Edward Rees, Janet Lewis, Myfanwy Edwards, Mary Thomas, Pam Harris, Gail Wintle, Clive Thomas Front row, left to right: John Hanks, John Arnott, Liz Synan, Nicola Gibson, Tony Thomas, Ray Thomas, Jane Price, Sarah Fenner, David Harris, Keith Gibson

The new Vale Farmers' Market Food Court, run by Myfanwy Edwards and supported by Creative Rural Communities and Cywain, promises to be a spectacular addition to the show field, this is to be situated on the south side of the show field housed in green and white marquees – easy to spot from afar and well worth a visit.

The extremely popular and very well-run KC Dog Show classes begin their judging at 11 am sharp. So many breeds of dog are shown, with prize money of £150 to the Best Dog in Show.

In addition to the extensive horse showing and jumping classes, you will find cattle and sheep of all sizes and breeds in the livestock area.

The dairy and beef cattle classes on the castle end of the show field will this year include Abi Reader and Team Milk. Abi will be holding milking demonstrations and explaining to us all about milk production in the Vale.

Sheep entries are higher than ever before, with a huge variety of breeds, and to complement these, there is a shearing demonstration kindly put on by Ceri Davies of Penllyn.

The Tawe Valley guild of spinners and weavers will be demonstrating their craft plus, for the first time, there is a wool fleece competition.

Alongside the shearing marquee take a sneak peak at the pigs and piglets kindly brought along by Polly of Slade Farm Organics.

The Home Produce competitions have seen a huge rise in popularity over the last few years with home baking and craft programmes on the television. Once again, this marquee, kindly sponsored by Cardiff Airport, will open at 12 after the judging and promises to have a wonderful selection of baking, craft, photography and preserves on show.

The Craft Fair, Shopping Mall and over 250 trade stands, promise a wonderful shopping experience. Stall holders travel from all over Britain to be at the event.

Hot and cold food outlets, plus a public bar are situated on the show field.

Main ring entertainment, after the horse classes and the spectacular grand parade, will be supplied by Jason Smyth, thrilling us all with his motorcycle and quad bike stunt show. This is followed by the six bar challenge show jumping competition and to round off the day in the ring, there will be the Hunt Scurry competition.

Entrance remains at 2011 prices and parking is free. A warm welcome awaits you at the show ground on August 13, we look forward to seeing you.

Further information can be found on the web site www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk or email Nicola vale.show@btinternet.com 01446 710099.

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AFTER 16 YEARS...

FAREWELL FROM THE SECRETARY

I JOINED the society as General Secretary in September 1998 and after 16 years I am now retiring and handing over the reins to Sarah Fenner.

I wish Sarah all the very best with her new position. I hope she enjoys the role as much as I have.

It's not an easy job trying to keep 20,000 people happy on one day in August; however, it is extremely satisfying when it goes well and you see so many enjoying themselves.

We must all remember that our show, unlike many others, is put on by a small band of unpaid volunteers, who give up many hours of their summer, building and dismantling the show field.

I will miss the thrill of building up the show field and the buzz as people receive their passes and traders enquire as to available space.

I love the entry envelopes arriving and new members joining. Moving to the show field for a few weeks building the show ground is great fun (if the weather is dry!) it is an interesting job and I have had the privilege of meeting many wonderful people through it.

I think the Show has grown considerably over the years we have been in Fonmon. It's been a challenge trying to think of new and varied events to put on and I think this year sees more than ever before with the poultry show, fleece competition, milking demonstrations, farmers' market food court and new look horticultural marquee.

I would like to give my personal thanks for the support I have received from the wonderful committee members of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society.

However, I would particularly like to thank David, Pam, Rhydian and Dewi Harris of Penllyn, who I am indebted to for their guidance, help, support and friendship.

I would also like to thank my own family for supporting me and my stress levels during the show period over the last 16 years.

Without their help, my task would have been impossible to complete.

NICOLA GIBSON

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2014

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Howard Hamilton, would like to wish everyone involved with The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show a happy and successful event.

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Re-training of racehorses demo at the Vale Show

HORSE RACING enthusiasts attending the Vale of Glamorgan Show at Fonmon on August 13, will be heading for the main ring, where during the day there will be demonstrations of how racehorses are re-trained once their racing lives are over.

The BSJA Show jumping competition gets under way at 9am and with classes for ridden hunters, mountain and moorland, and working ponies, and a parade of the Glamorgan Foxhounds at 3.50pm, there will be plenty to interest horsey folk.

More information can be obtained by looking up www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk.

GET IT ON!

***GET It On*, a nine-year-old bay gelding trained by Evan Williams at Llancarfan, was a 7-1 winner at Uttoxeter last week. Ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, *Get It On* won by two-and-a-quarter lengths from 25-1 chance *Schelm*.**

OWNERS' DAY

ABERTHIN trainer Tim Vaughan is holding his popular annual Owners' Day at his Pantwilkin Stables this Sunday.

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The practice often holds farmer meetings to transfer knowledge about the latest developments and innovations, new drugs and best practices. We have also launched 'Sheep Club' and 'Cattle Club' as regular events to enhance your farming knowledge and skills.

We provide a service for all types of farming enterprises from the large dairy herd, sheep and beef farm to the small holder. We can assist with the more technical issues of dairy farming right across to basic husbandry.

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HORTICULTURAL SECTION HAS A GIANT NEW LOOK!

THIS year's horticultural section at the Vale Show has a new look and feel, with new show manager Phillip Vowles and his daughter, secetary Gail Wintle, taking over the reins.

Phil's speciality is growing giant vegetables and he, along with a number of his 'giant vegetable growing friends', will be exhibiting in the horticultural marquee.

This year sees a new modern marquee and an exciting new-look schedule, with new classes as well as the old classics.

The horticultural show plans to be one of the best yet with a new 'land of the giants' section. This does promise to be a spectacular display of giant vegetables – you have to see them to believe them!!

The society has received a renewed Cup for the vegetable section from June Jeavons, daughter of David John Maddy.

David won several medals while serving in the Royal Horse Artillery, on the front line in the 1914/18 war. When he returned home, he immersed himself in his family, horticulture, agriculture and rural crafts.

He was engaged by Herbert R Thomas to take charge of the preparation, layout and erection of all aspects of the showground when it was held in the Bear field in Cowbridge.

Gail and Phil – now running a horticulture marquee.

He won many classes for his vegetables, especially potatoes – his speciality being a catriona potato found on board a Spanish ship at Barry! He was a perfectionist in everything he did and he was keen to encourage all the horticulturalists he met.

He became a horticultural judge and even judged at a Cardiff Show at the age of 87 years.

He died at the age of 93 and is buried in Ystradowen. His daughter, June, wanted to make sure his name lived on through the Show and we are delighted to receive the renewed Cup from her.

There are many other Cups and prizes to be won in the vegetable and flower section of the Show. Come along and be part of this great day and learn more about how to grow your own giant vegetables or even just how to improve your vegetable plot and garden.

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In 1987, the group raised money for the creation of the Red Dragon memorial to the 38th (Welsh) Division at Mametz Wood, on the Somme.

This memorial commemorated the attacks on the wood between July7-12, 1916, where 4,000 Welsh soldiers were killed or wounded. Many of these were from the towns and villages of Glamorgan.

Recently, the group have been raising money for the refurbishment of the memorial and the surrounding area. It has been working closely with the Welsh Assembly, the Commonwealth War Graves Committee and the community of Mametz.

Planning is at an early stage for a commemorative event to be held in July 2016 in France.

It is intended to have a display centred on the Glamorgan Yeomanry/24th Welsh Regiment, which fought in Egypt, Palestine and In France during the First World War. There will also be medals and displays of other artefacts.

Many local families had members who served with this formation whose monument is on Stalling Down, Cowbridge. If anyone has recollections of ancestors who fought with the Yeomanry, the branch would be pleased to meet them, or hear from them on the day.

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THE home produce marquee on the Vale Show field this year is sponsored by Cardiff Airport, and there is much to offer and to view.

The schedule is varied and exciting for you to contemplate and enter in our competitions.

The Chairman's Cup this year represents a christening tea, which is always very colourful.

In the cookery section, we encourage all to enter classes that range from preserves and bread to a celebration cake (*and gentlemen, why not try baking and entering a Victoria sponge?*)

A variety of flower-arranging classes includE an arrangement in a candlestick and one in a gravy boat.

Craft competitions include tapestry cushions, a rag doll and an item using recycled material.

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Arts, crafts and so much more!

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The art section has classes for watercolour, oils, drawings and pastels. This year's photographic competitions are entitled 'Seasons' (in colour) and 'People in Action' (black and white).

The children's classes range from ages seven to under 16 years and are always imaginative and extremely popular. Why not encourage the children to compete – a great way of spending a few hours of the long summer holiday?

The primary schools taking part in the handwriting competitions this year are St Brides Major Church in Wales School and Gwenfro Church in Wales School. All the children's entries will be on show.

Schedules are still available from the secretary, on **01443 225202**, or can be seen on the show website *www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk*. The Home Produce marquee will be open to the public after the judging at 12.30pm and looks forward to welcoming you all.

Why not compete in one of the classes? We look forward to hearing from you!

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THE show will be welcoming Jason Smyth Adrenaline Stunt Show to the main ring with his awesome Quad and Motorcycle stunt show.

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The motorcycle stunt show includes everything motorbike stunts with wheelies and stoppies to quad stunts, which include hair-raising quad freestyle jumps 30 ft in the air!

Something different at Vale Farmers' Market food court!

THIS year, we're 'doing food' a little differently at the Vale Show: the 'Vale Farmers' Market Food Court' will be a celebration of our wonderful local produce.

Our stall holders, 40 of them in total, are all Welsh, many of whom are from right here in the Vale. You will recognise several from our very own farming community, so what a great opportunity to showcase the very best of our locally-made, home grown produce than at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show!

Within the 'Food Court' arena we also have a demonstration kitchen where chefs from local restaurants will be sharing their culinary delights with you.

Award-winning chef, Barnaby Hibbert of The Gallery, Barry, which recently won 'Welsh Sustainable Restaurant of the Year 2014,' will be creating dishes from local farms.

And in between cookery demonstrations, our local producers themselves will take to the stage to share their stories of how they produce their goods: Jam making, beer brewing, cake baking, butchery demo, and even the flapjack fairy. There may even be a taster or two for you to try!

The Food Court is being co-ordinated by your very own Vale Farmers' Market, with support from Creative Rural Communities and Cywain.

You could even be in with a chance of winning a hamper of goods from the Vale Farmers' Market;

simply complete an entry form on the day and pop it in the box.

With picnic benches galore, we hope that this is one stop you will definitely make at this year's Vale Show. Leave your packed lunches at home; we've got so much food on offer you'll be spoilt for choice.

Do you have a question about what's on offer? No problem – ask the expert who is cooking it for you. Home grown, home reared, home-made… how could you resist?

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So many reasons to visit the Show

I VISITED the Show for the first time last year, although I'd been meaning to go for ages. I had put off taking time off work in previous years as I wasn't sure what the Show would be like in not-so-good weather, though a friend (*who goes every year*) had said it was still brilliant, rain or shine.

Anyway, last year it was dry and almost sunny so off I went... and it was really easy to get there by bus from Llantwit Major.

The biggest highlight for me was the farm animals being exhibited. I was astonished at the huge variety – types of sheep and cattle that I didn't even know existed and they all looked amazing. The animals were all in beautiful condition – so well groomed and healthy looking.

Their owners must have been incredibly proud of their splendid beasts. You could get really close to the animals during the day which was wonderful for the children (and adults like me!).

My favourites were the cattle and sheep – especially the local Welsh breeds of the latter. Some didn't even look like sheep to me (but then I'm a townie by birth).

It was wonderful watching the parade of winners at the end of the afternoon. I was able to sit near to where the animals entered the show arena, so had a great view.

Another aspect that I particularly enjoyed was visiting all the craft stalls. I found one stall that had the most marvellous cushions made out of old traditional Welsh blankets.

It was really interesting finding out all about their origins and the various mills and patterns. I discovered the maker had a shop locally and so, since then, I have bought a small collection... so the Show is definitely a good way for local businesses to attract new customers.

It's always good to see things produced by local people, not just crafts but amazing vegetables, cakes and artwork for instance. I'm a keen gardener, so especially liked the floral displays. I enjoyed spotting flowers that were also growing in my little patch (quite a few, surprisingly!).

I had a lovely day. There were plenty of people and cars – but it didn't feel too crowded... nor did you have to queue for ages to get in or buy things.

There were lots of other things to see and do (I haven't even mentioned the horses) – not just my favourites.

I enjoyed the Show and talked about it so much that several members of my family will be joining me this year. My sister is coming up from Devon and my brother and his wife are bringing grandchildren from London.

They are mad about dogs and are really looking forward to seeing the canine competitors.

I'll be making a beeline for those cattle and sheep again – this time with my camera – but I am also looking forward to this year's new addition, the poultry.

I have the Wellingtons lined up – just in case – but fingers crossed for fair weather and another great day!

Hilary Anthony, Llantwit Major

Craft fair welcomes faces old and new!

FEVERISH activity is taking place in preparation for the Vale of Glamorgan Show, with every section so well coordinated and well organised it is bound to be a great success.

The craft fair will be attended by a cross-section of stand holders and crafts: we see the return of our old favourites and welcome many new stalls.

The people who have a stand each year love to come back – they tell me it is their favourite Show craft fair.

I hope the new people will have a successful and happy day; many are travelling a great distance to display with us.

I am very pleased that Tina Drakes from Cardiganshire will be with us again to tempt us all with her gorgeous beehive products – the facial and hand creams are a must have.

Mr Brian Kerley from Cardiff will again be staging his superb exhibition of miniature horse drawn vehicles, all made by himself.

Something new I have recently discovered is Button Act, very unusual, and Miranda Bowen will be joining us from Carmarthenshire with her lovely animal portraits.

There is to be a new stand called Pentwyn Welsh Tweed. Two very enterprising ladies from Llandovery make ladies' jackets and soft furnishing items.

If you need a new handbag or a travel bag, then you must visit the stand of Penny and Ian Thyer.

There will also be excellent selections of baby and nursery items on sale, plus a variety of craft work to please everyone – including woodwork, slate items, stained glass window hangings, jewellery, hand knitting, pewter ware, Welsh wool cushions, ceramic and David Bailey's wonderful wildlife photography prints and cards – plus much more!

I look forward to seeing you in the craft marquee at the Show.

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Oil4Wales rally car competition

LEADING independent fuel supplier, Oil4Wales, is inviting customers and friends to attend its stand at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show on August 13 and enter its competition to win a rally car experience with Spencer Sport.

As Spencer Sport's main sponsor for the 2014 season, Oil4Wales is encouraging show visitors to enter the competition by guessing the weight of the rally car, which will be at the stand.

On top of the main prize, there is a chance to win two tickets to an autumn international rugby match at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

Rugby stars Rhys Priestland, Dafydd Jones, Ryan Jones, Neil Jenkins and Ken Owens, will also join Oil4Wales at its stand to sign autographs for fans.

Founder of Oil4Wales, Colin Owens, said: "Agriculture is a big part of our business so we're looking forward to attending the Vale of Glamorgan Show once again with our rugby ambassadors.

"We're also delighted to launch the rally car competition.

"Spencer Sport is an exciting new rally team and the prize will be an unforgettable experience for the winner.

"We hope we get a good turnout and some great guesses!"

Oil4Wales will also be serving free refreshments at its stand for visitors. Set up in 2011, Oil4Wales has depots in Cardiff, Carmarthen, Milford Haven, and Felinfach.

The company supplies over 33,000 customers in Wales with a range of fuel services, including heating oil, agricultural fuel, tank installation and boiler maintenance.

EGGCITEMENT BUILDS...

THE poultry will be washed, pampered, and 'eggcited' as lots of exhibitors prepare for the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

Already famous for its sheep, cattle and horses; the poultry is a new turn for the show committee. Callum Griffiths, aged 16 (the poultry secretary) approached the show directors earlier this year, hoping to set up an 'all-feathered attraction'!

After months of planning and hard work, Callum's enthusiasm led to backing from the show committee, sponsorship from Maesglas Vets, and a new poultry section emerging within the society.

The schedule was produced and has been available since May and Callum is hoping for over 200 entries to this new section of the show.

People from all walks of life will gather, with many breeds of chickens, ducks (and even eggs!) to exhibit in this section – all hoping to win the first title of 'Best in Show' for the poultry section.

Penning of the poultry is from 8.30am and judging from 10am. The judges this year are Barry Smith and Ray Parsons, who are travelling from the south of England. Many trophies, prizes, and rosettes will be up for grabs.

If you have any questions about this new section, contact Callum Griffiths on 07583551540, or callum@clydachpoultry.co.uk.

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Dogs ready for show inspection!

DOG exhibitors in Wales and England always look forward to the Vale of Glamorgan Show – this year being no exception.

Once again, we have attracted exhibitors from north Wales, the Midlands and the West Country, as well as the local area. One of our most loyal exhibitors is a lady who travels from Cornwall each year, and we look forward to giving her a warm Welsh welcome again.

I am also pleased to report that despite declining entries at shows, we have managed to receive almost the same as last year, which is in excess of 500 dogs.

Fonmon Castle grounds is a superb venue to hold the Show and the facilities provided for the dog show are second to none; with excellent wet weather accommodation, which we hope we will not have to use, and the best outside rings in Wales, manicured to perfection by the show director and his team of helpers.

We all hope for a fine day, which makes so much difference to show goers and exhibitors.

The dog section is a popular point of the agricultural show itself; all the exhibitors' rings are surrounded by visitors, who love to spend time looking at the various breeds on display and to chat to the dog owners, who will willingly answer their questions.

There will be eight rings catering for hounds, gundogs, terriers, working dogs, pastoral dogs, utility dogs and toy dogs. Judging starts at 11am, with a full day ahead for the judges.

The show also hosts a heat for the Kennel Club Junior Warrant competition, the final being held at Crufts next year. This show has been selected by the Kennel Club to hold this heat, the only one in Wales.

We would encourage all dog lovers attending the Show to visit the dog section and see the joy responsible dog ownership can bring.

Please, though, if you are bringing a dog, come early and do not leave your dogs in cars, which become hot very quickly even on a cloudy day.

It is also important to keep dogs on their leads and not to take them into the livestock paddock, as they can upset the cattle and sheep.

We look forward to meeting you and your canine companions on Show day!

Peter and Paat Pask (dog section)

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Planning, measuring – *and hoping we get it right!*

THE emergence of the tented town that we all enjoy walking around on Show day takes months and months of planning by organisers and, in particular, the trade stand officials.

Trade stand applications arrive with us from early spring and then the process begins to try and keep everybody happy. Some want exactly the same pitch as last year, some want corner plots and some want to be in the middle of the main ring!

Having analysed the 200+ applications for trade stand space, the work begins in earnest. Some 8,000 metres of lines are measured to create the show field in aisles, and then the measurements are drawn on the field using 400 litres annually of eco-friendly white line marker.

On top of this, some 3,500 metres of security and crowd control barriers are put into place, and we will have converted a 35-acre greenfield site into a show field.

The planning process is critical. Our tentage contractors don't like moving large marquees after they have been erected.

An in-depth knowledge of our traders who return every year also helps; some book their plots in feet not metres, and the end result can be significant!

Fortunately, we can normally spot their errors and correct them before the day. Having said that, and no matter how much you plan for the event, we will always have at least one trader every year who arrives to set up his stand and tries to erect a 10-metre marquee on a 6 -metre plot!

We always need a few spare plots to account for these contingencies.

Our success is due to the immense amount of hard work and diligence put in by our group of volunteer committee members and stewards, who work tirelessly for weeks before the show to try to get it right.

We constantly strive to improve and listen to all kinds of suggestions. Let's hope we've got it right this year – the only thing we cannot influence is the weather!

Finally, as Nicola approaches her last show as General Secretary, I would like to express my own personal thanks to her as being the key player in the show planning process over the past 16 years.

Whilst I have no doubts that her replacement, Sarah Fenner, will be equally capable, Nicola will be sorely missed by all those involved in the Show.

David Harris, Show Director.

Weaving a spell at Show!

THE Glamorgan Group of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers will have a stand at the Vale of Glamorgan Show on August 13.

Members of the Guild will be demonstrating the various crafts, including spinning, weaving and braiding and visitors can try out their skill.

The Glamorgan group meet monthly in Dinas Powys – to share information, skills and knowledge about aspects of the crafts of weaving, spinning and dyeing.

Meetings are held in the evening, where the group may have an invited speaker who specialises in individual aspects of the crafts, or at a full day Saturday workshop, where members participate in 'hands-on' learning events.

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GET A TRUE TASTE OF WALES AT THIS YEAR'S VALE SHOW!

VISITORS to this year's Vale Show will be able to sample a true taste of the area, thanks to 39 stallholders all selling locally made, home-grown produce.

The 'Vale Farmers' Market Food Court' is supported by Creative Rural Communities (CRC), the Vale Council's rural regeneration initiative, and Cywain.

With many of the traders belonging to the Vale's farming community, there will be a huge range of produce on offer including honey, sausages, welsh-cakes, ice cream and handmade chocolates.

For the first time in the Vale Show's history, visitors will be able to buy locally produced cooked food to eat on the show field – Welsh Angus topside beef rolls, Welsh lamb burgers, pork rolls, organic beef burgers and a selection of artisan vegetarian and vegan meals.

Mel Constantino, from Llantwit Major-based Baked by Mel, said: "I'm really excited about this year's Vale Show and I feel proud to be selling food produced in the Vale at such a key event.

"Food quality is a headline issue and buying local is the best way of guaranteeing where your food comes from, it also means you support your local economy.

"I'm looking forward to working with other traders on the day who will all feel passionate about local produce."

In addition, the Food Court arena will contain a demonstration kitchen where chefs from local restaurants will share culinary secrets with visitors.

The Gallery recently won the 'Welsh Sustainable Restaurant of the Year 2014' award and chef Barnaby Hibbert, will be creating dishes with ingredients from local farms throughout the day.

In between cookery demonstrations, local producers will take to the stage to share stories of how they produce goods, with talks covering everything from jam making to flapjack baking and from beer brewing to butchery.

Myfanwy Edwards, secretary of the Vale Farmers' Market, added: "After 14 years of business at the Farmers' Market, we are delighted to be the driving force behind the Vale Show's food court this year.

"As always, we aim to show off the great variety and quality of produce available in Wales – and particularly the fantastic produce sourced directly from the Vale!"

Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council, added: "We are very fortunate to have a wide variety of local food producers established within the Vale, and this is the perfect event to showcase their fantastic produce.

"I would urge visitors to this year's Vale Show to pay a visit to the Food Court and support these businesses who are putting the Vale on the food map when it comes to fresh, local produce."

The Food Court will be set up in a large green and white striped marquee surrounded by flags and bunting, visitors to the show will be hard-pushed to miss the Food Court, which will be open from 9am until 6pm.

HAMPER PRIZE!

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Cutting the ribbon at Meadowvale.

MEADOWVALE Nursery and Garden Centre has recently expanded with the addition of the new Brambles Tea Rooms at Llantwit Major.

The expansion was supported by the Pride in our Farming Families grant scheme developed by the Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities department, which aims to help farming families develop their businesses to help supplement the farm's activity.

Nia Hollins, senior rural regeneration officer at Creative Rural Communities, gave a congratulatory speech, following which Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration, innovation, planning, and transport, formally opened the tea rooms.

Nia Hollins said: "I'm delighted to be invited by Carl and Ann to come and be a part of this event to mark the grand opening of Brambles Tea Rooms. I'd like to say huge congratulations to them both and I wish them every success in the future.

"In total, over £578k has been invested into projects of this nature, which will not only benefit these families directly, but there is also much wider benefit to the Vale as a region."

Owners Carl and Ann Terry successfully applied for funding to support the development of the café last year, after a rigorous selection process.

Not only did they have to apply for and secure planning permission, they were also required to develop a full business plan, develop a financial forecast, and submit an application form which was then scored by a panel.

After a lot of hard work, their application was successful, and their long-term ambition of hosting an on-site café finally became a reality.

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NEWS FROM THE BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB

RECENT results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

July 29: First, Mike Close and Noelle Bond (67.62 per cent); second, Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick (62.86); third Celia and Huw Thomas (54.76). Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If interested, telephone 01446 418380 or 01446 733425, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. **DR**

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(A4226, PORT ROAD (WEST) (PART) AND PORTHKERRY ROAD (PART) RHOOSE AMENDMENT TO EXISTING 50MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than twenty one days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below:

Full details of the proposals, to include the proposed Order and plan No T/14/14/MS, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objection you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Visible Services & Housing (Ref. IF736) in writing by 29th August 2014 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

Amend schedule 2 of the following Order:

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Port Road (West) A4226 Barry extension to 40mph speed restriction and new 50mph speed restriction order 2008).

From:

"**A4226 and Port Road West,** no person shall cause a vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 50mph from a point approximately 600 metres west of Waycock Cross roundabout to the Airport cargo entrance roundabout, a distance of approximately 2,300 metres".

To read:

"**A4226, Port Road West (part) and Porthkerry Road (part)**, no person shall cause a vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 50mph from a point 600 metres west of Waycock Cross roundabout, to a point 67 metres east of Pentir Y De and Porthkerry Road roundabout, a distance of approximately 3,800 metres".

Dated this 7th day of August 2014

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

GORCHYMYN NEWID CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDRA 50 M.Y.A.

(A4226, PORT ROAD WEST (RHAN YN UNIG)/ PORTHKERRY ROAD (RHAN YN UNIG) Y RHWS)

Hysbysir trwy hyn, y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adran 84 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (ddiwygiedig), a phob pŵer galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn ymhen o leiaf un diwrnod ar hugain ar ôl dyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn. Mae diben cyffredinol y gorchymyn wedi'i ddisgrifio yn yr Atodlen isod.

Cewch weld y cynigion llawn, gan gynnwys y Gorchymyn arfaethedig a chynllun T/14/14/MS, yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Os oes gennych unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r cynnig, dylech anfon llythyr at Gyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai (Cyf. IF736) erbyn 29 Awst 2014 gan nodi'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

Dylai'r sawl sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn a gynigiwyd, gofio bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor hwn, o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985, i sicrhau bod pob ymateb a ddaw i'r gorchymyn dan sylw ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei astudio.

ATODLEN

Newidier Atodlen 2 y Gorchymyn canlynol:

Gorchymyn ymestyn cyfyngiad cyflymdra i 40 m.y.a. a chyflwyno cyfyngiad cyflymdra newydd 50 m.y.a. (A4226, Port Road West) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2008.

o:

"**A4226, Port Road West**, ni fydd neb yn gyrru cerbyd yn gyflymach na 50 m.y.a. rhwng man sydd ryw 600 medr i'r gorllewin o gylchfan Waycock Cross a chylchfan mynedfa lwythi'r maes awyr, sef pellter o ryw 2,300 medr i gyd".

i:

"**A4226, Port Road West (rhan yn unig) a Porthkerry Road (rhan yn unig)**, ni fydd neb yn gyrru cerbyd yn gyflymach na 50 m.y.a. rhwng man sydd ryw 600 medr i'r gorllewin o gylchfan Waycock Cross a man 67 medr i'r dwyrain o gylchfan Pentir y De a Porthkerry Road, sef pellter o ryw 3,800 medr i gyd".

Dyddiedig 7 Awst 2014

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

In accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 (Section 18), as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Section 16), notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is carrying out a review of its polling districts, polling places and polling stations.

The aim of the review is to seek to ensure that:

• all electors in the Vale of Glamorgan have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances, taking into account cost;

• polling places are suitable for use by all sections of the community;

• so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places in the Vale of Glamorgan are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled;

• polling places are located in an area of the corresponding polling district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area that is wholly or partly outside the polling district.

Any elector within the Vale of Glamorgan may make representations on any aspects of polling districts, polling places and polling stations currently used. In addition the Council would welcome comments or representations from:

• elected members (Members of Parliament, Members of European Parliament Assembly Members and councillors representing electors in the Vale of Glamorgan);

• other Returning Officers

• town and community councils within the Vale of Glamorgan and any organisations representing particular groups of persons in the Vale;

• past or potential candidates and their agents;

• local political parties; and

• persons or organisations with particular expertise in relation to access for persons with any type of disability.

Any person or body making representation should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places, if this is what their comments concern. Representations should be sent in writing to the Electoral Registration Officer by **Monday 15 September 2014**.

The Returning Officer will comment on existing and any proposed polling districts and polling stations informed by representations received from interested parties. Initial proposals will be published on the Council's website from **10 October 2014** and will be subject to further public consultation until **24 October 2014**. The Council will consider final proposals during November 2014 with the final review results published during January 2015.

Details of the existing schedule of polling districts, polling places and polling stations can be found on the Council's web site at **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk** or from the Electoral services office, at the address below.

Electoral Registration Office,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

HYSBYSIAD O AROLWG AR DDOSBARTHAU PLEIDLEISIO, MANNAU PLEIDLEISIO A GORSAFOEDD PLEIDLEISIO

Yn unol â Deddf Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl 1983 (Adran 18), a ddiwygiwyd gan Ddeddf Gweinyddu Etholiadol 2006 (Adran16), hysbysir drwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn cynnal arolwg ar ddosbarthau pleidleisio, mannau pleidleisio a gorsafoedd pleidleisio.

Nod yr arolwg fydd sicrhau bod:

• gan holl etholwyr Bro Morgannwg y cyfleusterau pleidleisio mwyaf rhesymol ac ymarferol o dan yr amgylchiadau, ar ôl pwyso a mesur y gost;

• mannau pleidleisio'n addas i'w defnyddio gan bob rhan o'r gymuned;

• mannau pleidleisio'r Fro'n hawdd eu cyrraedd a'u defnyddio gan etholwyr o bob math, gan gynnwys etholwyr anabl, cyn belled ag y bo hynny'n rhesymol ymarferol;

• mannau pleidleisio wedi'u lleoli yn y dosbarth pleidleisio ei hun, onibai ei bod yn well oherwydd amgylchiadau arbennig eu rhoi mewn ardal sydd un ai'n sefyll y tu allan i'r dosbarth pleidleisio neu'n cynnwys rhan o'r dosbarth pleidleisio'n unig.

Caiff unrhyw etholwr yn y Fro leisio unrhyw fath o gŵyn am y dosbarthau pleidleisio, y mannau pleidleisio a'r gorsafoedd pleidleisio sy'n cael eu defnyddio ar hyn o bryd. Mae'r Cyngor hefyd yn awyddus i dderbyn sylwadau neu gwynion oddi wrth:

• aelodau etholedig (aelodau seneddol, aelodau senedd Ewrop, aelodau cynulliad a chynghorwyr sy'n cynrychioli etholwyr ym Mro Morgannwg);

• swyddogion etholiad eraill;

• cynghorau tref a chymuned Bro Morgannwg ac unrhyw sefydliadau sy'n cynrychioli grwpiau penodol o bobl yn y Fro;

• ymgeiswyr blaenorol neu ddarpar ymgeiswyr a'u hasiantwyr;

• pleidiau gwleidyddol lleol;

• pobl neu sefydliadau sy'n meddu ar unrhyw sgil arbenigol sy'n ymwneud â sicrhau bod mannau'n addas ar gyfer pobl anabl o bob math.

Os oes modd yn y byd, dylai unigolion neu gyrff sy'n cyflwyno cwynion yn erbyn mannau pleidleisio hefyd awgrymu mannau eraill a fyddai'n addas i'w defnyddio yn lle'r rhai dan sylw. Dylai sylwadau gael eu cyflwyno mewn llythyr a'u hanfon at y Swyddog Cofrestru Etholiadol erbyn **Dydd Llun 15 Medi 2014**.

Bydd y Swyddog Etholiad yn gwneud sylwadau ar ddosbarthau a gorsafoedd pleidleisio presennol ac unrhyw rai newydd a gafodd eu cynnig, gan gymryd sylwadau cyfranogion i ystyriaeth. Bydd y cynigion cyntaf i'w gweld ar wefan y Cyngor o **10 Hydref 2014** ymlaen a bydd rhagor o ymgynghori cyhoeddus yn eu cylch tan **24 Hydref 2014**.

Bydd y Cyngor yn ystyried y cynigion terfynol yn ystod Tachwedd 2014 ac yn cyhoeddi canlyniadau terfynol yr arolwg yn ystod mis Ionawr 2015

Mae rhestr bresennol o ddosbarthau pleidleisio, mannau pleidleisio a gorsafoedd pleidleisio i'w gweld ar wefan y Cyngor, a chewch gopi hefyd yn y swyddfa gwasanaethau etholiadol yn y cyfeiriad canlynol.

Swyddfa Cofrestru Etholiadol,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfeydd Dinesig,
Heol Holton, Y Barri, CF63 4RU

College launches Blues Rugby Academy

CAVC Director of Rugby Martyn Fowler, CAVC Blues Academy team captain Joel Ringer and CAVC Deputy Principal Kay Martin at BT Cardiff Arms Park.

CARDIFF and Vale College has launched the Blues Rugby Academy where 16 to 18-year-olds can study A Levels or vocational qualifications while training to become the rugby stars of the future.

The Academy, which will train and play home games at BT Cardiff Arms Park, is headed by coach Martyn Fowler, former Cardiff RFC Director of Rugby and Cardiff University head of rugby.

CAVC's rugby team will be captained by Joel Ringer, son of former Welsh International star Paul Ringer. Both Joel – who plays tight head prop – and Paul were won over by the holistic approach to learning and development that CAVC's Rugby Academy offers.

Joel Ringer said a world-class rugby academy in Cardiff was long overdue and he was "very excited" to be part of it.

Dinas Powys ladies golf

LATEST results from Dinas Powis Golf Club Ladies Section are as follows:

On July 1 – 18-hole President's Prize medal. First, Louise Wilding 84–11 = 73 nett, second Angela Brown 94–20 = 74 nett on countback from third, Sue Bridle 92–18 = 74 nett

Nine hole Stableford – first, Vera Hollyman, second, Jane Hooper.

On July 8, 18-hole Stableford: First, Lorna Murray 39 points, second, Sue Thomas 32, third Sue Bridle 31.

Nine hole Stableford – first Terry Unwin, second Kit Roblin.

On July 15 – Welsh Dragon Brooch: First, Louise Wilding 78–11 = 67, on countback from second, Annie Blackburn 91–24 = 67, third, Maxine Hird 89–21 = 68 on countback from Lisa Ryley 86–18 = 68.

Nine hole Stableford – first, June Jones, second, Pam Warne.

On July 22 – Ladies Charity Day: First, Lisa Ryley 37 points, second, Pat Gosling 33, on countback from third, Louise Wilding and Ruth Yates, fourth.

Nine hole Stableford – first June Jones, second Angela Thomas.

On July 29, Medal: First, Ruth Yates 90–23 = 67, on countback from second, Sue Bridle 86–19 = 67, third, Lisa Ryley 86–18 = 68.

Nine hole Stableford – first, Terry Unwin, second, June Jones. **RY**

Monika hosts charity sale

BARRY resident Monika Jones recently opened up her garden and held a book and ceramics sale to raise funds for Tenovus and the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA).

Vale AM, Jane Hutt, dropped in to show her support for the sale in Pontypridd Road.

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- Detached
- Four bedrooms
- Four receptions
- Detached double garage
- EPC Rating-C

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- Three bedrooms
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- Town centre location
- EPC Rating-D

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Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or
Newydd Housing Association
121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

ARTHUR DAVIS COURT, BARRY

H4U Reference 997485
Suitable for a single person or couple over 55 – no pets
- Studio apartment
- No lift
- Gas central heating
- Double-glazing
- Communal gardens

Rent £104.46 per week including service charges

BARRIANS WAY, BARRY

H4U Reference 101828
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- Central heating
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Expressions of interest are invited for four, two-bedroom houses.

Priority will be given to:
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Anticipated handover date for this phase is the end of September 2014.

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COLWG Y COED, BARRY

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H4U Reference 101830
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £105.10 per week

ELFED AVENUE, PENARTH

H4U Reference 239560
Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bed parlour house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

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- One-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double-glazing

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- Communal gardens

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OAK COURT, PENARTH

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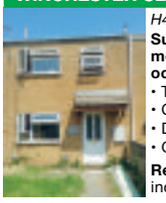

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Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £108.64 per week including water charges

NEW PROPERTIES AT THE MAGISTRATES COURT, THOMPSON STREET, BARRY

Newydd Housing , in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Housing and Jehu Group are proud to announce that the new development at The Magistrates Court in Barry is now nearing completion.

Our new housing scheme will comprise: 33 two-bedroom properties; 13 one-bedroom properties; and six three-bedroom houses.

The properties will be released in three phases: the first phase will be 16 homes that will be available late October/early November; closely followed by the release of two more phases that will be completed early in 2015.
Allocation of all the properties will be carried out from this advertisement and therefore no further opportunities to bid on this development will be available.

An invitation to bid on these properties is now open to all members of HOMES4U (if you have previously registered your interest against these properties, you will still need to bid by contacting the HOMES4U hotline)

Priority will be given to existing social housing tenants wishing to downsize and who have an excellent tenancy history.

Interest will be considered from applicants with local work and/or life connections.

Newydd Housing Association is committed to providing a safe and sustainable environment and will be asking for references and carrying out interviews with prospective tenants to achieve the full potential for this development and its residents.

You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of these homes.
When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference.
All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness.
Newydd is a charitable housing association.

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Would you like to discuss the options available?
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Cadoxton Court, Barry - £675,000
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Isis House, Wenvoe - £445,000
Executive five bedroom detached residence. Entrance hallway. Inner hallway. Study. Cloakroom. Lounge. Dining room. Family room. Kitchen/Breakfast Room. Utility Room. Family Bathroom and En Suite to Master Bedroom. . UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Gardens to front, side and rear. EPC rating: C.

Laurel Court - £89,950
Ground floor two bedroom apartment in the sought after West end of Barry. Comprising; Communal hallway. Entrance hall. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen. Bathroom. Majority UPVC. Gas central heating. Well maintained communal gardens. Close by to local amenities. EPC rating: D.OFFERED FOR SALE WITH NO CHAIN

Waters Edge, Beachway - £210,000
Two bedroom first floor duplex apartment situated in the exclusive area of the Knap. Communal hallway. Hallway. Stairs rising to lounge/diner and fitted kitchen. Balcony. Ensuite shower and family bathroom. Double glazing. Electric central heating. EPC rating C. OFFERED FOR SALE WITH NO CHAIN.

Richard Street, Barry - £105,000
Two bedroom mid terrace property situated within the town centre, close by to all local amenities. Accommodation comprising; Entrance hall. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen. Shower room. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. 'Stones throw' from Holton Road shops.

Glynbridge Close, Barry - £149,950
Two bedroom semi detached bungalow set in a cul de sac location situated within North Barry. Accommodation comprising: Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge. Kitchen/diner. Inner hallway. Bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway providing off road parking for one/two vehicles. Garage. UPVC double glazing. Gas CH.

Sycamore Crescent, Barry - £149,950
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the East end of Barry. Comprising: Porch. Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Conservatory. Kitchen. Rear porch/utility area. Bathroom. UPVC. GCH. Enclosed front & rear gardens. Driveway providing off road parking for two vehicles. Garage. Close by to local amenities.

Rhodfa Gwagenni, Barry - £169,950
Four bedroom, mid link townhouse situated on the Waterfront development. Comprising; Entrance hallway. Kitchen/breakfast room. Two reception rooms. Bathroom, en suite shower room and downstairs w/c. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed, low maintenance rear garden. Parking for three vehicles. Garage.

Channel Close, Rhoose - £202,000
Beautifully presented three bedroom link detached property set in a cul de sac location within the village of Rhoose. Entrance hallway. Lounge. Fitted kitchen/dining room. Sitting room. Downstairs w/c. Modern family bathroom. UPVC, GCH. Integral garage, part converted providing storage and additional living space.

Brynhill Close, Barry - £169,950
PANORAMIC VIEWS ACROSS THE VALE Three bedroom mid link property set within a cul de sac location within North Barry. Comprising: Hallway. Family/dining room. Lounge. Kitchen/breakfast room. Modern white bathroom suite. UPVC. GCH. Well maintained enclosed front and rear gardens.

Stradling Close, Barry - £274,950
Three bedroom detached bungalow. Comprising; Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge/dining room. Conservatory. Kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room. Newly installed bathroom and cloakroom. UPVC. GCH. Enclosed rear garden and front garden. Off road to detached garage. Easy access to all local amenities.

St Lythans Road, Barry - £189,950
Extended, two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in the West end of Barry. Accommodation comprising; Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Bathroom. UPVC double glazing. GCH. Enclosed south facing rear garden. Driveway providing off road parking for up to four vehicles. Detached garage.

Barry Road, Barry - £134,950
RENOVATED THROUGHOUT ..... Extended four bedroom end terrace property situated in the East end of Barry. Comprising: Porch. Hallway. Lounge. Sitting room. Dining room. Kitchen. Family bathroom. En suite wet room to downstairs bedroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Generous, enclosed rear garden.

Gwalch Y Penwaig, Barry Island - £214,950
Four bedroom, end link townhouse. Comprising; Entrance porch. Hallway. Newly installed kitchen. Lounge/dining room. Conservatory. Downstairs w/c. Family bathroom and two en suite shower rooms. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden.

Pontypridd Road, Barry - £285,000
FIRST TIME TO THE MARKET IN 50 YEARS ..... Four bedroom detached bungalow overlooking Porthkerry woods. Comprising: Entrance porch. Hallway. Two large reception rooms. Kitchen. Bathroom. Shower room. Enclosed front and rear gardens. Driveway providing off road parking for three/four vehicles.

Devon Avenue, Barry, - £129,995
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the heart of Barry. Comprising; Entrance hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom suite. Benefiting from gas central heating and UPVC double glazing. Gardens to front and rear. Outhouse providing storage. Close by to all local amenities.

Palmerston Road, Barry - £119,950
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the East end of Barry. Comprising; Entrance hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. First floor bathroom and separate w/c. The property benefits from gas central heating and majority UPVC double glazing. Generous enclosed rear garden. Off road parking for 2/3 vehicles.

Lidmore Road, Barry - £179,950
Three bedroom semi detached property situated on the desirable Garden Suburb development within the West end of Barry. Comprising; Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Ground floor bathroom. Inner hallway. Gas central heating. UPVC. Enclosed rear garden. Off road parking for 3-4 vehicles. Would benefit from some updating.

Pontypridd Road, Barry - £325,000
RARE TO THE MARKET ..... Three/four bedroom detached bungalow situated in the sought after West end of Barry. Comprising; Open porch. Entrance hallway. Two/three reception rooms. Kitchen. Utility room. Conservatory. Two bathrooms. Majority UPVC double glazing. GCH.

Ael Y Coed, Barry - £195,000
Three/four bedroom detached property situated on the popular Woodlands Rise development. Comprising; Entrance hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Conservatory. Kitchen. Utility room. Garage conversion additional reception room or bedroom four. Bathroom and en suite shower room. UPVC double glazing. GCH.

St Brannocks Close, Barry - £220,000
Three bedroom detached bungalow, (property built on a four bedroom specification), situated in the desirable West end of Barry. Comprising; Hallway. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen. Small summer room. Wet room. Separate w/c. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Gardens to front and rear.

Maes Y Cwm Street, Barry - £139,950
Three bedroom, bay fronted mid terrace property situated in the heart of Barry, close by the all local amenities. Accommodation comprising; Hallway. Lounge/sitting room. Dining room. Kitchen. Modern white bathroom suite. Majority UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden and forecourt.

Glan Y Mor, Barry- £125,000
Ground floor two bedroom apartment situated on the Waterfront development close by the all local amenities. Comprising; Communal hallway. Entrance hallway. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen. Ensuite shower room and bathroom. Lift. One parking space to rear of building. Visitors spaces. Views across the Waterfront and Barry.

Gwennol Y Mor, Barry Island - £139,950
Two bedroom end link property situated in a cul de sac set on a desirable modern development on Barry Island. Comprising: Hallway. Lounge. Kitchen/dining room. En suite shower room and family bathroom. Rear garden. Off road parking for two vehicles. In walking distance of beaches, seafront cafés and Barry Island train station.

East Walk, Barry - £137,950
Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the heart of Barry. Comprising: Porch. Hallway. Lounge. Kitchen. Dining room. Downstairs bathroom. Enclosed rear and front gardens. Driveway providing off road parking for one vehicle. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. In close proximity to local amenities.

Beryl Road, Barry - £134,950
Three bedroom mid terrace property situated in the heart of Barry. Accommodation comprising: Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge/sitting room. Modern fitted kitchen/dining room. White bathroom suite. Enclosed rear garden and forecourt. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating via combi boiler.

Nant Talwg Way, Barry - £284,950
WELL PRESENTED AND MAINTAINED. Four bedroom detached residence situated in the desirable West end of Barry. Comprising; Entrance hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Modern fitted kitchen. Cloakroom. Family bathroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Generous gardens to front, side and rear.

Avoncross, Romilly Park Road, Barry · £315,000
Four bedroom Tudor style detached residence built in the 1930s situated in the Romilly Park area. Comprising; Entrance hallway. Lounge divided by arch through to Sitting room. Dining room. Fitted kitchen. Family bathroom and en suite shower room. Enclosed, landscaped front and rear gardens.

Porth Y Castell, Barry - £410,000
PANORAMIC VIEWS ..... Three bedroom detached residence situated on the Garden Suburb area within the West end of Barry. Comprising: Entrance porch. Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Utility area. Cloakroom. Bathroom. Separate w/c. Gas central heating. UPVC . Enclosed gardens to front, side and rear.

Thistle Close, Barry - £172,950
Extended, three bedroom semi detached property situated on a popular modern development within the sought after West end of Barry. Accommodation comprising: Entrance porch. Lounge. Kitchen/dining room. Sitting/office/play room. Bathroom and en suite shower room. UPVC . GCH. Enclosed rear garden. Low maintenance frontage.

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NEW

Palmerston Road, BARRY
In need of some modernising, traditional end of terrace, built approx 1930s, three double bedrooms & study/boiler room, approx 23ft living room, kitchen/breakfast, sitting room.
£149,950

NEW

Fonmon Park Road, RHOOSE • £159,950
Three bedroomed link detached, living room/dining area, converted garage, cul-de-sac position, driveway, overlooking Vale. ER-C

NEW

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Stunning mid-terraced traditional dwelling, through living room, modern fitted kitchen/breakfast, wet room, three bedrooms, 1st floor bathroom with rolltop bath, viewing highly recommended. ER-E

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Semi-detached dwelling, off road parking, three bedrooms - ensuite, fitted kitchen, utility, WC, two rec. rooms, sea views from rear, re-roof, replacement boiler, viewing highly recommended. ER-D

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Modern detached, living through to dining room, four bedrooms, family bathroom & ensuite, garage/driveway, enclosed rear garden, no chain. ER-C.
£234,950

NEW

Brook Street, BARRY
End of terraced traditional, double extension to rear, living/dining room, ground floor bathroom & ensuite shower room, enclosed rear garden, no chain, viewing highly recommended. ER-D.
£124,950

NEW

College Road, BARRY
Bay fronted terraced traditional dwelling, through living room, 25ft kitchen/diner, three double bedrooms, first floor bathroom, low maintenance rear garden, ER-D.
£144,950

NEW PRICE

Maes Y Cwm St, BARRY
Well presented, forecourted area, three bedrooms, dining room, living room, fitted kitchen, utility and WC cloak, French doors opening to garden, viewing highly recommended. ER-D.
£144,950

NEW PRICE

Harvey Street, BARRY
Four bedrooms, end of terraced traditional, two rec rooms, ground floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, no chain. ER-D.
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NEW PRICE

The Parade, BARRY
Detached bungalow, sought after area, modern fitted kitchen, living room, 3 bedrooms, replacement shower room, ample driveway, garage. EPC-F. **£249,950**

Somerset Road, BARRY
Magnificent spacious dwelling, sympathetically restored, original features throughout, two reception rooms, utility rooms, WC/cloak, 20ft kitchen/diner. Basement rooms accessible from hallway, three double bedrooms, bathroom with rolltop bath, replaced roof & heating system. ER-D.
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Whitmore Park Drive, BARRY
Modern semi detached, living room, kitchen/breakfast, two bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway providing parking, viewing highly recommended, cul-de-sac position. ER-D.
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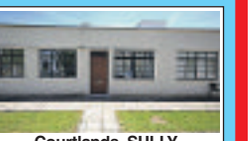

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No chain, well maintained mid-linked bungalow, one bedroom, living room, leisure facility included, 24hr concierge, ER-D.
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Lycianda House, BARRY
Ground floor apartment,two bedrooms, study (previously en-suite), lounge)and separate kitchen, spacious bathroom, far reaching water views, allocated parking, ER-C.
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Station Street, BARRY
Three bedrooms, mid terraced traditional, two reception rooms, 18ft fitted kitchen/breakfast, first floor bathroom, ideal first time buy. No chain. ER-D.
£116,950

Brook Street, BARRY
Mid terraced traditional, two reception rooms, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms, enclosed garden. ER-D.
£89,995

Station Street, BARRY
Mid terraced traditional, four bedrooms, through living room, separate dining room, 1st floor bathroom, town centre location. No chain. ER-D.
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Barry Road, BARRY
Mid terraced, double bay traditional, living room, dining room, spacious kitchen/breakfast, three double bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, lane access. ER-D.
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David Davies House, BARRY
Two bedroomed ground floor apartment, French door opening to garden, parking, communal entry, laundry room, no chain. ER-C.
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Corner positioned, mid terraced traditional, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, enclosed rear garden. Well presented. ER-E.
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Everard Street, BARRY
Mid terraced traditional, no chain, through living room, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom, low maintenance garden, lane access. ER-E.
£117,500

Woodlands Road, BARRY
Bay fronted traditional, two reception rooms, ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms, town centre location, permit street parking, enclosed rear garden, lane access. ER-E.
£126,950

Cornwall Road, BARRY
Three bedrooms, semi detached, living room, dining room, sun lounge, fitted kitchen, utility area, situated off Barry Road, low maintenance rear garden. ER-D. **£129,950**

Salisbury Road, BARRY
Mid terraced bay fronted traditional. Living room, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, three double bedrooms, WC/cloakroom, garden backing onto Porthkerry. Garage/ storage. ER-E. **£135,000**

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Five bedroom detached modern property. Living room, dining room, breakfast/kitchen, two en-suites and additional family bathroom, offered with no chain, integral garage/double driveway, ER-D. **£329,950**

Well Walk, The Knap
Semi detached, in need of modernisation, original feature remaining, two rec rooms, fitted kitchen, orig. dresser, wc/cloakroom, spacious plot ideal for extending (subject to usual planning consent). Double gate, off road parking. ER-D. **£249,950**

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NEW ON THE MARKET

LLANTWIT MAJOR £310,000

Modern extended family four/five bedroom detached house with double garage and single garage. Hallway, Lounge, Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen, Dining Room, Family Room, Ground floor Bathroom, Study, Four bedrooms to first floor and Family Bathroom. Driveway and spacious gardens to side and rear. Ref 776D

NEW ON THE MARKET

ST ATHAN £114,950

Modern two bedroom mid link house situated at West Vale comprising Hallway, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Modern Bathroom. Gas fired central heating. UPVC double glazed windows. Open plan to front with allocated parking and enclosed rear garden. No onward chain. Ref 777D

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LLANTWIT MAJOR £385,000

Modern well maintained four/five bedroom detached house with integral garage situated in a sought after area. Hallway, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, En-suite to master bedroom, Family Bathroom. Gas central heating. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Driveway and garden to front and southerly rear garden overlooking pastureland. Ref 778D

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NEW BARN, FLEMINGSTON £210,000

Established refurbished three bedroom semi-detached house with ground floor extension situated in rural surroundings. Hallway, Lounge/Diner, Newly fitted kitchen, Utility room, Modern fitted Bathroom. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. LPG gas central heating. Garden laid to lawn with open rural aspect. Ref 779D

NEW ON THE MARKET

ST ATHAN VILLAGE £175,000

Modern detached chalet style four bedroom bungalow and garage comprising Hallway, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Ground floor Bathroom, Cloakroom and two bedrooms to first floor. Gas fired central heating. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Driveway and gardens to front and rear. Freehold Ref 781D

NEW PRICE

LLANTWIT MAJOR £175,000

Spacious modern two bedroom end of terrace house located on the beach road comprising Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Cloakroom, Rear Porch, Modern Bathroom. Gas central heating. UPVC double glazed windows. Terraced garden to the rear. Ref 751D

LLANTWIT MAJOR £395,000

Spacious well maintained detached four bedroom house and detached garage. Three reception rooms, Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen/ Breakfast Room, En-suite wet room, walk-in dressing room, Luxury Bathroom. Gas central heating. Double glazed windows and doors. Well laid good size garden to front, side and rear. Paved driveway and parking for around five cars. £395,000 Ref 769D

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Trinity Street, Barry • £125,000
Traditional mid-terraced property, made famous by the filming of Gavin & Stacey. Two double bedrooms, 1st floor bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen & pleasant rear garden / courtyard with southerly aspect & elevated views across the Old Docks & Barry Island. OPEN MORNING SAT 2ND AUGUST 2014.

49 Porth-Y-Castell Barry • £399,950
Well presented, 4 bed detached house enjoying an elevated position with panoramic sea views. Also comprising 3 receptions, kitchen, utility room & cloakroom plus driveway & garage. Close to The Cold Knap, Romilly & Porthkerry Country Parks, schools, public transport & local amenities.

Harding Close, Boverton • £135,000
Great opportunity to acquire a well presented, 3 bed house close to local amenities, schools and public transport. Large, modern, kitchen / diner with french doors opening onto the rear patio, spacious living room with open stairs, 3 beds and tastefullly decorated bathroom.

Castle Court, Dinas Powys • £159,500
Townhouse comprising deceptively spacious & versatile accommodation arranged over 3 storeys. One/two principal reception rooms, study, open plan kitchen & breakfast room plus 3 /4 bedrooms and bathroom. Also offering front & rear gardens plus a double garage. 1st time buy/ investment opportunity.

Jestyn Close, Dinas Powys • £184,950
Semi-detached house with garage conversion offering extended living accommodation. Open plan kitchen and breakfast room with door to the garden, 2 reception rooms, utility room, ground floor shower room plus 3 bedrooms (2 doubles) and bathroom. Elevated position, magnificent views and parking.

St Ambrose Close, Dinas Powys • £237,500
Extended family home offering generous accommodation, including three reception rooms, large kitchen, conservatory, five bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway and pleasant, enclosed rear garden. Close proximity to the train station and a short walk from local amenities and the village Square.

St David's Avenue, Dinas Powys £239,500
Extended, well located property with generous accommodation arranged over 4 storeys. 2 reception rooms, fantastic kitchen & breakfast room with spacious area for a table & chairs, 4 bedrooms (3 doubles) & 2 bathrooms. Driveway and enclosed rear garden. Close to the village, train station & schools.

Ambrose Close, Dinas Powys • £249,000
Extended property offering generous living accommodation including 2 reception rooms, spacious kitchen & breakfast room, ground floor WC, five bedrooms (master with en-suite) & family bathroom. The house also enjoys a large plot with front driveway, integral garage & sizeable, enclosed rear garden.

Powys Place, Dinas Powys • £255,000
Deceptively spacious with open plan kitchen & breakfast room, ground floor extension offering a 2nd reception, large 'L' shaped conservatory plus attic conversion providing a 4th bedroom with en-suite. Generous plot with driveway for 2 cars and fantastic, south facing garden with sun terraces.

Cae'r Odyn, Dinas Powys • £269,500
Extended and immaculately presented 4 bedroom house forming part of the popular, Southra Park estate and with access onto and views over open playing fields. Impressive kitchen and breakfast room, large dual aspect living / dining room, conservatory, garage and off street parking.

Britway Road, Dinas Powys • £349,500
Charming, extended, period cottage with 3 receptions, open plan kitchen & breakfast room, laundry room & cloakroom together with 3 double bedrooms and bathroom. Beautiful south facing garden & driveway parking for 2 cars. Conveniently located on the fringe of the village square. No onward chain.

Highwalls Avenue, Dinas Powys • £369,500
Edwardian residence offering two principle reception rooms, kitchen & adjoining breakfast room, four bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway & enclosed gardens with raised terrace overlooking the golf course. Close to the village square and presently the only house available on Highwalls Avenue or Road.

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A rare opportunity to acquire a detached, 4/5 bed dormer bungalow enjoying a large corner plot within close proximity of schools, amenities and public transport, including Dinas Powys Railway Station. The large plot and configuration also offers the potential to extend, subject to planning.

Highwalls Avenue, Dinas Powys • £469,500
Magnificent, extended and refurbished period property with direct access onto the golf course and spectacular, uninterrupted views. 4 bedrooms, master with en-suite and Juliet balcony, 3 receptions and an impressive, hi-spec, open plan kitchen.

Turnpike Close, Dinas Powys • £550,000
Contemporary, 4 bedroom, detached house forming part of an exclusive & highly sought after development on the fringe of Dinas Powys. Master bedroom with en-suite, 3 reception rooms (principle with balcony & far reaching views), kitchen & breakfast room, double garage, workshop & landscaped grounds.

Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys • £725,000
Comprehensively refurbished, traditional Welsh Longhouse with origins dating back to the15th century. The truly unique property nestles on the edge of the village, bordering open countryside and offers over 2,500 sq ft of family living accommodation including 4 / 5 bedrooms and 4 reception rooms.

Mill Road, Dinas Powys • £945,000
An outstanding, extended and upgraded period residence with detached garaging, set within grounds of 1.25 acres. Offering up to 6 / 7 bedrooms and potential for a self-contained annexe. A truly unique property, with origins dating back to 1426, situated within a short walk of the Village Square.

Church Road, Penarth • £109,950
2nd (top) floor flat, with pleasant views, forming part of a period conversion. Hallway, living room, kitchen, double bedroom & bathroom together with parking. Located on the fringe of the Town centre, within a short walk of the train station, seafront & pier. Ideal FTB or investment opportunity.

Stanwell Road, Penarth • £119,500
3rd (top) floor apartment comprising a living room, kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom together with pleasant views, resident lounges, guest suite for visiting family and friends, well maintained gardens and parking. Town centre location close to train station, shops and all amenities.

Wordsmith Avenue, Penarth • £299,500
Substantial family home offering exceptionally well proportioned accommodation with 2 reception rooms, kitchen & breakfast room, cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite & 4 further double bedrooms, including one within the spacious attic conversion. Fabulous, landscaped garden & driveway for 2 cars.

Elderberry House, Penmark • £459,500
Detached house with double garage, driveway & pleasant grounds forming part of an exclusive development within this small, traditional village. Also comprising 3 reception rooms, kitchen / breakfast room, utility room & cloakroom plus 4 bedrooms (master with dressing room & en-suite) and bathroom.

Great Thomas Close, Rhoose • £124,950
Modern, mid-terrace house with garage and dedicated parking located on a quiet cul de sac within this popular modern development, close to Rhoose village and the railway station (with regular services direct to Cardiff). Large kitchen/diner, living room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden and garage.

Cwm Ciddy Cottage, Rhoose • £435,000
Extended and sympathetically refurbished, Grade II Listed cottage with separate c.2 acre paddock and stable block. Well planned living accommodation with 2 principal receptions, study, kitchen, utility and cloakroom plus 3 double bedrooms and family bathroom. Large grounds with garage / outbuilding.

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NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 12 MARCROSS) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

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Family Notices

POWELL
Anthony John

Peacefully on August 3, at his home in Graig Penllyn, Anthony (formerly of Bass, Cardiff), beloved husband of Betty, dearly loved father of Jonathan, dear father-in-law of Ceri, much loved grandfather of James and Becky.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday August 11, service 2.00pm at Penllyn Church, followed by interment in Llansannor Churchyard. Family flowers only to the Funeral Home, donations if desired to Cancer Research Wales or Organ Fund Penllyn Church, c/o J. W. James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

RISBY
Carolyn

Very suddenly on 31st July, Carolyn aged 50 years of Clydach, Swansea Valley. Dearly loved Mum of Martin, Rebekah and James.

Devoted Nan to Jasmine and Kenny. She will be greatly missed by Edward, her loving family and friends. Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium Bridgend on Wednesday 13th August at 10.30am (where all please meet). Family flowers only please, donations (cheques only please) and all enquiries to W A Brown & Son, Llantwit Major 01446 792489.

Please wear something purple, Carolyn's favourite colour.

GORE
Michael Colin

Peacefully at Princess of Wales hospital on Saturday August 2nd, aged 72 years.

Beloved husband of Linda, father of Malcolm and Neil, stepfather of Clair. Much loved grandfather of April and Harvey, Kai and Cale, daughter-in-law Sarah and and sister Pat and brother-in-law Mike.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

WOOSNAM
Francis

Eira and family would like to thank everyone who has sent messages of sympathy and support in their recent bereavement.

We were overwhelmed by the attendance at the funeral and wished we had been able to speak to everyone. Thanks to Rev. David Boult for officiating the service. Special thanks go to all at Glanffrwd Nursing Home, Pencoed for the compassionate care and attention given to Francis.

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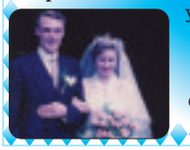

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GORCHYMYN AILGYFEIRIO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2014

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Dyddiedig 7 Awst 2014

VALE of GLAMORGAN
BRO MORGANNWG

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
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Dated this 7th day of August 2014

RHYBUDD O WNEUD GORCHYMYN DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(LLWYBR TROED CYHOEDDUS 17 LLANILID)
GORCHYMYN AILGYFEIRIO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2014

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NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 17 LLANILID)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

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Captain supported at local golf club

WITH the course at its best for captain's weekend, the members of St Athan Golf Club were grateful that the thunder and lightning that woke many Vale residents in the early hours of Saturday, July 19 did not materialise into anything significant.

Several members, anticipating the worst with the weather, made an early decision and chose not to enter the 18-hole individual stableford competition, but 107 players still turned out to support Roger Davidge, their club captain.

Roger was particularly keen to see the older members of the club included, so a 9-hole competition was provided specifically for those over 80 years of age.

The outstanding 21 points scored by Gwyn Evans was a truly deserved victory over Fred Morgan and Llyn John.

The Captain's Prize was won by Will Morgan with 42 points. Countback was used to secure Phil Morgan second position with 39 points pushing Degs Cox into a very respectable third place.

The longest drive on the 13th went to Kyle Bladen, the first player on the marker.

Gents over 55 years of age automatically fall into the vets' section if they haven't been successful in the main competition. This year, Stu Jennings, Cliff Auterson and Mike Whilding were awarded first, second and third respectively, their 38 points being separated on countback over the last six holes. Cliff made a second appearance at the presentation when he also collected the trophy for the longest drive in this category.

The juniors' longest drive was awarded to Gareth Brookes who also saw his handicap reduce significantly after carding a magnificent 44 points to win the junior competition, with Ralph O'Carroll and Rhodri Miskin coming in

Club captain Roger Davidge.

second and third with 36 and 32 points.

The ladies' competition saw the 37 points scored by Sue Davies nudged into second place by Michelle Bligh's 38.

Third position went to Ruth O'Carroll with Erin Allison taking the longest drive. Jackie Hawkins, having suffered recent injury, persevered where many would have given up and was duly presented with the Captain's 'Best Endeavour' prize.

Nearest the pins and the two-ball sweep were open to all competitors. However it became apparent at the prize-giving that the men had dominated in both fields; Jamie Goacher, Gary James, Steve Thomas, Pat Power, Will Morgan, Andy Williams, Pete Morgan, Rob Ford and Mike Whilding all collected winner's envelopes.

With trophy presentation complete, Roger Davidge took the opportunity to announce to the membership that the club has now purchased a brand new greens machine, stating that our course will now be more formidable than ever and prove to be a challenge for any visiting golfer.

Sunday saw the players once again take to the course for the captain's four-man Texas Scramble. The captain's team consisting of himself, immediate past captain, vice-captain and competitions member were very gallant and must be congratulated for allowing all other teams to come ahead of them on the leader board.

Not surprisingly the most popular team had to be the one that included Fred Morgan, one of the octogenarians who had also played the previous day. Fred was joined by his son, Pete and two of his grandsons, Phil and Josh. As head of the family, Fred dutifully collected the money envelope for being instrumental in ensuring his team won the third position.

The format of 1/10th combined handicaps meant that the 58.9 nett carded by Jon Pengelly, Keith Lewis, Si Hampson and Kyle Bladen wasn't enough to win first position from John Reid, Neil Kelland, Andy Davie and ToTak Pang who scored 57.7 nett. Best aggregate on the par threes was shared between Bradshaw/Hawkins/Thomas/Thomas and Holland/Bacon/Graham/Owen.

St Athan members are proud of their club and always welcome new players of all ages and abilities. For further information contact the club manager on 01446 751043.

Carol Morgan

COTTRELL PARK SENIORS ENJOY GOLF AWAY DAYS

AFTER hosting what is thought to be the largest open golf competition held anywhere in the United Kingdom, 26 members of the seniors' section of Cottrell Park Golf club celebrated with a well-earned three-day golfing trip to the south coast to play on three different courses.

Tiverton Golf Club, situated just off the M5 motorway, proved a perfect starting point, allowing everyone to flex their muscles over this very attractive parkland course, before continuing their journey to the very popular Palace Hotel in Babbacombe.

On day two, a short trip across the river Teign to play Teignmouth golf club proved a much sterner test, with gorse bushes and fairways more attuned to links courses – not to the liking of those more suited to the lush grass on their home course at Cottrell.

On the final day, a short trip to the well-maintained Dainton Park parkland course, situated outside Newton Abbot, rounded off a very enjoyable tour organised by seniors' captain Steve Cross.

Results – Tiverton: Winner Ben Davies with 37 points, David Stephenson also 37. Longest drive Brian Pritchard and nearest the pin on the par three holes David Hopkins and Brian Pritchard (2).

Teignmouth – Winner Bryan Trott with 42 points, Trevor Wooding 35. Longest drive David Hawkins,

nearest the pin Henry Filer, Trevor Wooding, David Field and Steve Cross.

Dainton Park – Winner David Hopkins with 44 points, Aubrey Bowen 40 points. Longest drive Bryan Pritchard and nearest the pin Peter Fryer, Aubrey Bowen, Richard Daniels and Les Fair.

Overall winner David Stephenson with 107 points and runner-up David Hopkins with 106 points.

TMcC

Romilly's title hopes take a battering

BARRY Romilly title hopes took a dent in losing to Gelligaer.

Romilly travelled to Gelligaer for an important CML Div. 1 league game looking for a win to continue their challenge for their first league title but the game was always going to be difficult against a decent team on a green renowned for its quirks.

The game began with the 'Rom' doing well while adjusting to the pace and varying lines with the green bowling two yards quicker one way than the other, but were only two down by the fifth end 16 – 18.

By the tenth end Gelligaer had moved further ahead and led by six shots. The Romilly rinks skipped by Brian Foscolo and Jeff Wright were playing well and helping to counteract Romilly's other two rinks skipped by Graham Cogbill and Mel Newman who were having a torrid time. If players got within two yards of the jack that was classed as a good bowl.

By end fifteen the game was still fairly close with the score still in favour of the home team by just seven shots 48 – 55 with all Romilly rinks playing well attempting to combat the difficult conditions.

With six ends to go the 'Rom' rinks made tremendous efforts to get on terms, with Cogbill's rink coming from 14 – 6 down to win four of the last six ends to go down by six shots, while Newman's rink also won the last six ends by five shots to three but still lost by ten shots.

Brian Foscolo's rink was in charge all afternoon and were ahead 18 – 9 but unfortunately lost the last four ends with the opposition scoring six shots with some excellent bowls when Romilly were actually holding shots but Foscolo's rink still won by seven shots 22 – 15.

Jeff Wright's rink dropped a four on the penultimate end and found themselves behind for the first time in the game by two shots and with the game lost overall it was vital for Wright's rink to win their game to gain two points.

After the front men had bowled, Romilly were holding one shot and it was left for Jeff Wright to make two more shots which he achieved with two bowls that were world class and left many Romilly players looking at their watches.

The game finally ended in defeat for Romilly by eight shots 67 – 75 taking 4 points to Gelligaer's 10 points.

FP

Fine weather comes to an end for golfing farmers

Rob Jackson, Jonathan Lane, David Williams, Mike King, Clive Thomas, Tony McCarthy and Mike Lee.

MEMBERS and guests of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society had a rare soaking last Thursday when playing their annual pairs competition at Langland Bay Golf Club.

The wet conditions, however, failed to dampen the enjoyment of the 32 competitors, all seeking to collect one of the many prizes supplied by generous sponsor the Maesglas Veterinary Group.

At the conclusion of play, Clive Thomas and Mike Lee were unfortunate to lose out due to an inferior last three holes to David Williams and Tony McCarthy. Both pairs finished with 34 stableford points with both scoring 18 on the back nine and 13 on the back six holes.

The last three holes proved crucial, with David Williams' three points on the 417 yard 17th proving the deciding factor.

In third place with 31 points were Glyn Watts-Jones and Aubrey Bowen, who was playing his fourth round in four days and who earlier in the week celebrated (quietly) his 82nd birthday.

Nearest the pin on the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant par three holes were Dan Jarvis, Aubrey Bowen, Geoff Moore and Jonathan Lane who also returned home with the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge-sponsored longest drive prize.

The winners of the section for guests were Rob Jackson and Jonathan Lane with 36 points, followed by Rob Lloyd and John Thomas, who scored 32 points.

The prize for the unluckiest golfer of the day was awarded to Colwinston farmer Clive Edwards. Clive arrived in the car park at Langland Bay with a car half full of frothing foam due to his failure to notice the back windows of his vehicle were lowered when driving through a high pressure car wash!!

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28 at Pontardawe Golf Club, when members will be competing for The Anthony Brown Cup, and prizes supplied by the sponsors, Anthony Brown & Co Ltd Estate Agents.

T McC

Davies sets Cadoxton 'A' on the right path, but Splott fight back

GORDON DAVIES skipped his Cadoxton 'A' rink to an exhilarating sixteen-shots victory over a lacklustre Splott Phoenix side when the clubs met at Cadoxton on Saturday, August 1, in a CML5 league match.

Regrettably, his fellow Cadoxton skips couldn't maintain the impetus and Splott ran out winners overall, although only by two shots on aggregate.

Howard Craven's and John Jones's rinks were soundly beaten by their Splott rivals, but David Tuck's rink steadily fought back valiantly from a thirteen-shot deficit after the first four ends and ended the match just four shots behind.

David Fanning, Jim Sugden, Len Davies, David Tuck 21-25; Ron Cole, Alan Carpenter, Dennis Hammond, Gordon Davies 27-11; Rob Byrne, Alan Prince, Mike Curtis, John Jones 16-20; Stan Clements, David Evans, Derek Jefferies, Howard Craven 15-25. Totals: 79-81.

DF

Cardiff Table Tennis Club resumes sessions

THE Cardiff Community Table Tennis Club which meets every Friday evening in the Upper Hall of Sport Wales Centre in Sophia Gardens from 7pm until 9pm has resumed its sessions.

It uses 16 table tennis tables and provides the free use of bats and balls. Juniors are coached free of charge. There is no joining fee just £3 per evening and £2 for juniors. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome. Please telephone me on 01446 412352 for more information.

Roy Gibson

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Barry dig in for win at Miskin

BARRY Athletic First XI travelled to Miskin Manor on a bright, sunny afternoon where Barry won the toss and asked their hosts to bat.

Miskin got off to a disastrous start and were soon 17 for 4 as they lost the wickets of Beaverstock, caught by Jones off Frost for 0; Meadon, lbw to Gee for 1; Harris, caught Baker off Frost for 0; and opener Whiteley, stumped by Baker off Frost for 13.

After 36 overs, the score was 87 for 8, as rising star Ferriday bowled Pritchard for 26, then Usswald picked up 3 wickets – Robinson, caught by Jones for 3; Owen, caught by Goodway for 4; and Jones, caught by Provis for 0.

However, there was then an 80-run partnership for the ninth wicket before Tom Robinson was run out for 63 and, as the overs ran out, Miskin ended on 168 for 9.

In reply, Barry got off to a flying start as David Goodway hit 24 from 18 balls before he was caught with the score on 29.

Paul Murphy then went for two with the score on 33, and Aaron Smith for two with the score on 35.

Steve Provis then produced a cameo innings, hitting 19 in nine balls with three fours and one six before he was out with the score on 60.

Steve Jones fell for 0 and Barry were struggling with the score 60 for 5, but then there was a partnership of 65 between Baker and Usswald.

Usswald was then out for 30 with the score on 125 for a fine 30, and Baker fell with the score on 145 for a fine, well-worked and mature 55.

Ferriday went for 0 one run later and the score was 146 for 8, but captain Gee played a quite outstanding innings of 18 not out as he and Frost saw the side home, with Gee leg glancing the winning runs with a four. Barry reached 172 for 8 for a two-wicket win.

On Saturday, August 16, Barry Athletic are holding a former players and captains open day. All are welcome. For further details, contact Mark Rees on 07570 135831 or e-mail markrees509@hotmail.com

MR

Liam continues to impress

ON Sunday, July 27, the second stage of the WOMAA (World Organisation of Martial Arts Athletes) British Series took place in Western Leisure Centre, Cardiff.

There was a huge turnout for this event which included fighters from Wales, England and Jersey!

Local teenager Liam Rees who recently turned 17 entered the men's 60kg and under category.

Liam displayed outstanding talent and kickboxing skills on the day.

He comfortably fought through the rounds despite the intense heat due to the recent hot weather.

Liam easily won his place in the final against another top class fighter.

He went on to win first place and was congratulated by everyone! Another win for this outstanding young fighter. Well done Liam Rees!

LR

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Kart Club stalwart is not forgotten

LLANDOW Kart Club was blessed with another weekend of fine weather as it dedicated the sixth round of its annual championship to the memory of the late Richard Dowers.

With just one runner this month, the Bambino class was easy to sort as Nathan Browning had the track to himself. Despite being without others to chase, or be chased by, he continued to post consistent lap times throughout.

The Cadet grid was again made up of a blend of Honda, Comer and IAME runners, and it was the latter that got the chance to take the chequered flag first, with Shay Keough heading a 1-2-3-4 in heats one and two, then 1-2-3s thereafter, eventually crossing the line first in the final, ahead of Max Fenlon and Ethan Rees. All IAME results remain provisional at the time of writing however.

Shayne Clarke dominated the Comer class, leaving the Hondas to provide much of the on-track action. One name remained to the fore, however, as the Ferguson brothers ran at the front of the field throughout the day. Oscar eventually proved to have the upper hand, edging Stuart each time, but it was another family triumph to add to their Celtic Cup achievements and father Charles's success in the Ginetta Drivers' Club series… Austin Maddocks took third place in three of the four races, including the main event, having seen Louis Harvey fill the spot in heat one.

The Honda Junior duo of Patrick Hill and Kristian Prosser will have arrived at Llandow hoping to add to recent class honours, but hadn't counted on the presence of Ben Cutler. Having joined the field in June, the newcomer claimed his first LKC heat win in the final qualifying race, denting Prosser's hopes of a clean sweep. Prosser was back on top when it mattered most, however, winning the Final from Hill and Cutler, while novice Jack Bligh again gave a good account of himself in fourth spot.

Oscar Ferguson (#20) led brother Stuart in a family 1-2 in the Honda Cadet class at Llandow Kart Club's July meeting. Picture: Steve Everitt

Rob Ellis' has been the name to beat in Junior Rotax this season, but found himself up against some determined opposition in the shape of returnee Morgan Rose this time around. Rose claimed a clean sweep, winning all four races by an average of four seconds, leaving Ellis to bolster his championship advantage with a quartet of second places. Tom Croydon was third each time out.

In the absence of June class winner Riley Phillips, the Minimax battle was fought out between reigning Welsh champion Ethan Ling and Kieran Clarke, with Ling having the edge on the day.

Junior TKM was fought out by the quintet of Hugo Holmes, Alex Rees, Sam Johns, Lewis Griffiths and Yousuf Ashraf, with only misfortune appearing to be able to separate them.

Holmes claimed two heat wins to Rees' one, but it was the latter who came out on top in the final, edging the June winner by 0.556secs as they crossed the line. Incredibly, Johns denied Griffiths a place on the final step of the podium by an even slimmer margin.

As had been the case last month, Danny Griffiths was in no mood to be beaten in Senior Honda, repeating June's feat of winning each of the four races. Monty Gorringe, Paul Saunders and Welsh champion Chris Lipscomb duelled over the remaining places, with veteran Saunders getting the nod in a main event which saw Lipscomb sidelined after only six laps.

Like Griffiths, Tom Stride looked intent on remaining at the top of the Senior Rotax tree, having claimed three of June's four races, but found renewed opposition in the form of Dilip Singh, who ended dreams of a full house by winning heat two. Stride returned to the front in the third qualifying race, but it was Singh who again came out on top in the even-numbered races, taking victory in a Final that saw Stride excluded from the result. Steven Handford duly claimed second place, ahead of Zach Jones, with Michael Bacchetta taking fourth.

A year on from Dowers' untimely passing, the club dedicated the event to the memory of the man who had done much to benefit not only LKC, which he helped found, but also South Wales Karting Centre, Welsh karting and the sport in general. Funds raised during the weekend were donated to Velindre Hospital in Dowers' honour.

Round seven of the 2014 Llandow club championship takes place at South Wales Karting Centre on Sunday, August 17.

Results: Bambino – 1. Nathan Browning (Zip).

Cadet Honda – 1. Oscar Ferguson (Project One); 2. Stuart Ferguson (Project One); 3. Austin Maddocks (Project One).

Cadet Comer – 1. Shayne Clarke (Zip).

Cadet Iame, provisional – 1. Shay Keough (Zip); 2. Max Fenlon (RK/Birel); 3. Ethan Rees (Zip).

Junior Honda – 1. Kristian Prosser (7Kart); 2. Patrick Hill (Wright); 3. Ben Cutler (7Kart).

Junior TKM – 1. Alex Rees (Jade); 2. Hugo Holmes (Tonykart); 3. Sam Johns (Jade).

Junior Rotax – 1. Morgan Rose (Tonykart); 2. Rob Ellis (Kosmic); 3. Tom Croydon (Gillard).

Mini Max – 1. Ethan Ling (CRG); 2. Kieran Clarke (Tonykart).

Senior Honda – 1. Danny Griffiths (MS); 2. Paul Saunders (7Kart); 3. Monty Gorringe (7Kart).

Senior Rotax – 1. Dilip Singh; 2. Steven Handford; 3. Zach Jones.

Best Novice – Austin Maddocks (Cadet Honda).

Driver of the day – Michael Bacchetta (Senior Rotax).

CRAIG LLEWELLYN

Woodcocks back on top with Barry pairs triumph

THE 2014 Ron Thomas Memorial pairs ran from July 20-27 at Barry Athletic bowls club.

It proved to be one of the most exciting in its 18-year history, with a shock pairing becoming the new champions of this prestigious tournament.

With 46 pairs entering and a lot of notable past and present Welsh internationals featuring in the tournament, it promised to be one that offered quality viewing on a slick, quick surface and it didn't disappoint!

The week started with a notable upset when the reigning champions, Mike Ackland and Chris Blake of Dinas Powys, were defeated 18-17 by husband and wife combination Emma and Matthew Woodcock in a nip and tuck game of bowls.

This appeared to set the theme throughout as the underdog kept on barking all week as four-time winners, and former British Isles pairs champions, Glyn Thomas and Robert Horgan were dumped out at the last 16 stage and many people's favourites for the crown, 21-year-old Jarrad Breen and Welsh international skip Jason Greenslade losing in the quarter finals by one shot to Merthyr duo Mark Jones and Craig Maycock.

This result meant the two giantslayers were pitched together for the first semi-final – as Jones and Maycock went up against the Woodcocks.

Unfortunately, for the Merthyr combination it appeared their good fortune had run out as they were comprehensively beaten 26-11 with three ends spare.

The other semi-final featured Dinas Powys pairing, and 2012 runners up, Dave Vowles and Andrew Harvey who found themselves up against former Welsh singles winner Steve Jackson and the only home player remaining, Ben Parrish. This time, the Dinas boys were unable to reach another final, as they lost out in a game where they never held the lead, losing 21-13 in the process.

This meant that the final contained four players that had never won the tournament before and new names would be added onto the trophy, alongside many famous names on the bowls circuit.

The Woodcocks were also looking to become only the second mixed pairing to win the trophy in its history. Ironically, the last mixed pairing to win it was Matthew's mother and father, Linda and Arty Woodcock in 2005.

So with the script written, it was time to see if fate would come into production in a game played in tough, windy conditions. The Woodcocks got off to a superb start to lead 14-6 after 12 ends, but Jackson and Parrish fought their way back with two singles and a count of four shots over the next three ends, to be 14-12 down after 15 ends.

Two more tight ends brought the score to 15-14 in Emma and Matthew's favour, but it seemed like Jackson and Parrish were starting to get a foothold in the game.

The 18th end appeared to be the deciding factor of this game as Jackson and Parrish played a poor end and the Woodcocks capitalised to pick up a scrappy count of five shots and put them back in a commanding lead of 20-14 with three ends to play.

This was followed by two nervy ends in which the husband and wife duo managed to get the best of to win 22-14 and become worthy 2014 Ron Thomas Memorial Pairs Champions.

Barry Athletic Bowls Club would like to place on record its thanks to the joint sponsors of the tournament, BTI Limited and Watkins & Gunn Solicitors and its organiser Mike Vaughan who worked tirelessly throughout the week to make it the great success that it was.

If anybody is interested in taking up the game of bowls then please feel free to ring either club chairman Geoff Whittaker on 07779 069 401, or come along during the evenings to Barry Athletic bowls club (situated in between the cricket and tennis clubs) and try your hand.

With ages ranging 10-84 and containing both male and female members, we really are a club that caters for everybody.

CHRIS WRIGHT

Brynhill golf results

RESULTS from Brynhill Golf Club are as follows:

MEN'S SECTION

On July 27, The Don 'The Fox' Cup was won by Nigel Stephenson, with a nett 66. Steve Collins (nett 67) was runner-up on countback over the last six, and the best gross was by Jonathon Burrows (74).

LADIES' SECTION

The Colin Jones Memorial was won by Julie Harkin (40 points) and runner-up was Jo Kirkpatrick (37).

The Superbowl Cup was won by Helen Cook and the runner-up was Liz Brown.

Jane Phillips and Jo Kirkpatrck won the Ladies Open at Coed-y-Mwstwr on July 24.

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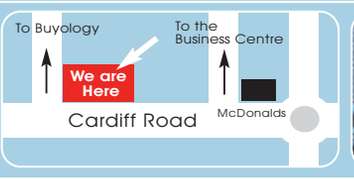

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Vale Seconds' bowling proves too good as Llantwit Fardre fall short in run chase

VALE SECONDS bounced back from the disappointment of the previous week in emphatic style against Llantwit Fardre.

Following some rain at midday the game at Corntown was reduced to 39 overs per side following a delayed start.

Put into bat on a damp pitch Vale made slow progress. The Llantwit Fardre opening attack bowled very accurately and it was a game of patience on the damp wicket for Vale's opening pair of Aaron Stephens and Paul Gilbert.

Only 10 runs came off the first 10 overs as some good length and line bowling restricted the home side.

Gilbert finally got off the mark driving a four between mid off and extra cover in the 11th over.

Stephens continued to knock the ball around and when Vale got to the drinks break 43 runs had been posted without loss after 19 overs.

After drinks Vale raised the tempo but it did account for Stephens as he lofted one into the deep, getting well caught for 24 with the score on 65.

Mark Francis joined Gilbert and attacked the change bowling to good effect and also started to take some quick singles to accelerate the scoring rate.

Gilbert and Francis built a good partnership and Francis raced to 50 in good time being particularly harsh on anything short of a length.

Gibert's 50 followed but soon after in the 35th over Francis was caught behind down the leg side having made an excellent 67 and putting together 110 partnership with Gilbert.

With no time to lose John Harvey entered the fray and put a quick fire 30 together while Gilbert's patience showed no signs of wilting as he batted through the innings to finish 74 not out.

Vale finished on 221-2 after 39 overs and picked up maximum batting points which had been a top effort from the mid point of their innings.

Luke John and Harrish Haannan took the new ball and both bowled good opening spells bowling with good discipline.

The first wicket didn't fall until the 12th when Kannan appeared to get a fortunate lbw decision but it was no more than his opening spell deserved.

Matt John entered the fray and bowled a good off stump line. A wonderful over-the-shoulder running catch by Richard Evans gave Matt John a well deserved wicket.

Skipper Steve Harper bowled some early tight overs before Francis was introduced in to the attack and picked up and lbw decision.

Luke John returned at the Bridgend end and a good catch at first slip by Matt John gave Luke John a richly deserved wicked.

Steve Harper replaced Luke John and took a good low diving return catch to pick up Vale's 5th wicket. Francis picked up a second wicket as a smart piece of stumping by Aaron Stephens accounted for the 6th wicket and gave Vale 4 bowling points.

Vale's bowling figures were Luke John 8-1-18-1; Harrish Kannan 8-2-14-1; Matt Harper 2-0-14-0; Matt John 8-1-37-1; Steve Harper 5-0-25-1 and Mark Francis 8-2-30-2

Llantwit Fardre finished on 141-6 off their 39 overs with Steve Thomas their top scorer with 37 and Vale completed a comfortable 19 point victory.

At the half way point of Vale's innings the game was in the balance but some very positive batting by the home side and a sound bowling performance saw Vale record their 4th victory of the summer.

Vale Seconds v Llantwit Fardre Seconds

Vale 221-2 off 39 overs.

Llantwit Fardre 141-6 off 39 overs.

Result: Vale won by 80 runs.

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Tim wins prize purse at Perth

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan has been in good form of late.

Last week, his *Nathan's Pride*, ridden by Alan Johns, won the opener at far flung Perth and two days later, his *Alphabetical Order* romped home a 19-lengths winner from the odds-on favourite *Hazzart* at Bangor-on-Dee. *Alphabetical Order* was ridden by Richard Johnson.

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Lady bowlers continue their excellent form

IT was a good week for Cowbridge Lady Bowlers.

Playing their re~arranged CCS match at home to Pencoed they had a good win by 56 shots to 45, winning on two rinks and losing on the third.

They had a big win on the rink with Lynda Wilson, Carol Davies, Sandra Collin and skip Kay Edwards by 27~7, and a very close win on skip Joy Woolford's rink by 16~15.

With Joy were Diane Purnell, Mary Dowdle and Sian Lewis. Skip Pat Holdsworth rink lost 13~23.

They again played Pencoed in an away match in the CCS, and only just lost by 41 shots to 43. The rink with Lynda Wilson, Diane Lloyd, Sue Flower and skip Pat Holdsworth, after a very close game, won 16~15.

Skip Joy Woolford's rink with Shirley Dunsworth, Thelma Jones and Janet Morton, also had a very close game which ended in a draw of 14~14. Skip Kay Edwards' rink only just lost 11~14.

The ladies third game was a league match played at home against Cadoxton, which they won by 59 shots to 32.

Skip Sue Flower's rink with Helena Snelling, Phyllis Price and Joy Woolford, had a very good win by 26 shots to 6. Skip Kay Edwards' rink with Lynda Wilson, Dorothy Pritchard and Sandra Collins also had a good win by 17~11.

On the rink with Diane Purnell, Janet Morton, Pat Holdsworth and skip Shirley Wilkinson, after a very close game and going into the last end drawing 15~15, they managed to hold one shot to win by 16~15.

The men had two defeats this week, losing by 46~78 at home against Penarth Rectory Road in the Munroe Cup, and losing a league match against Llantwit Major by 45~86.

In the Munro Cup match, Cowbridge had no winning rinks, but the rink with Ron Frayling, Len Taylor, Peter Launder and skip Alan Wallace, drew 12~12.

The rink with Gerry Lloyd, Phil Woosnam, Byron Richards and skip Dennis Snelling only just lost by 20~21. Skip Norman Wilklinson's rink lost 6~22, and skip Guy Morton's rink lost 8~23.

In the league match played away at Llantwit Major, Cowbridge lost on all four rinks. Skip Norman Wilkinson's rink lost 10~23; skip Dennis Snelling's rink lost 10~25; and skip John Trott's rink lost 12~23.

The only rink finishing with a close score was that of Clive Pritchard, Rob Lewis, Guy Morton and skip Mike Bradley, who just lost by13~15.

There are two league matches remaining, both to be played at home. Here's hoping! **NJW**

The Awali Camels, from Bahrain.

The Awali Camels leave Cowbridge in their train

LAST week's cricket report mentioned Guy Parker's Haj – this week he brought his Camels with him.

They were not horses designed by a committee, but a talented touring side, the Awali Camels based in Bahrain, and including an ex-England and Sussex player, Paul Parker.

It was against this intimidating side that Cowbridge played on Sunday, August 3.

The Awali Camels batted first and made rapid progress. There was a gleam of hope when their number one Charles Edwards was out for 16, but a rapid 83 by Mike Williams, who finally fell to Michael Hordley, and 60 by Paul Parker, showed the strength of opposition.

Paul Parker was 'dismissed' in novel circumstances: as Jo Russell, the wicket keeper, lunged forward to stump him, the wind blew off a single bail. Jo, therefore, broke the remaining half of the wicket in time.

Was Parker out? Strictly the laws say no; the keeper should remove the remaining stump from the ground with the ball in contact with the stump. But, as the umpire expressed it, "by the laws of cricket, a player would be in, but a gentleman would be out." So Paul Parker left the crease, having given a wonderful display of skill.

The Camels went on to make 226 for 5, with Michael picking up another wicket and Ellis Bird, in a rare appearance, the other three; we hope to see more of him.

Cowbridge did not start too well, a distracted captain only made 10 as did the number two. But then Rian Thomas made 44, and Michael Hordley, 25, producing a vigorous stand, although the target still looked a long way away. The tail did not wag very hard, but David Webb surprised everyone, including himself, with 20 not out.

It was a delightful game played in the spirit that has given cricket its unique values and attractions.

First XI travel to Ferry

On a much cooler day at the beginning of August, Cowbridge First XI travelled west to play Briton Ferry Steel.

The home side won the toss, decided to bat and scored 294 for 7 wickets in 50 overs.

In reply, Cowbridge managed 229. The small size of the ground accounts for the rather large number of runs scored.

Phil Harris was the star for Cowbridge, not with the ball, but with the bat. He scored 126 runs in the 27 overs he was at the crease.

This was a stunning performance as he hit 16 fours and six huge sixes. Unfortunately, none of his team mates could stay with him for any length of time to form a meaningful partnership to threaten the total set by the home side.

He was eventually dismissed in the 35th over with the score on 208 for 4 and the run chase effectively ended there, Cowbridge falling short by 65 runs.

In the home side's innings Tom Merilaht was the most successful bowler with 4 for 63.

Next week Cowbridge First XI welcome Porthcawl Cricket Club to the Athletic Field.

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